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Evidence found of the operation in the Western Hemisphere, and the United States in particular, of a vast illegal and conspirative Russian-controlled and dominated International Communist organization, "Comintern Apparatus," which generally has as its several objectives:

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This Apparatus operates for the ultimate advantage, protection, and security of the USSR and for Soviet Russia's goal of world domination, to the detriment of the United States and other countries in which the Apparatus exists.

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The Third, or Communist, International ("Comintern") was founded in March, 1919, in Moscow on the initiative of the Bolsheviks, headed by LENIN, at a congress of the Communist Parties of various countries. This congress adopted at the same time a manifesto to the proletariat of all countries, calling on them to wage a determined struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat and the triumph of the Soviets all over the world. This program of the Comintern, frankly admitted by its leaders, was ultimately to replace world capitalist economy by a world system of Communism. Under the aegis of the Comintern, Russian Communists took a dominant and controlling position in the Marxist field throughout the world.

The Russian Communists in setting up the Comintern had a practical objective over and above the establishment of world Communism, namely, the protection of the interests of the Soviet Government throughout the world and its defense in any future wars. Thus among the primary objectives of the Comintern were the uncompromising defense of the Soviet Union at all times and in all countries, especially under conditions of "imperialist war," defined as war against the USSR or not in its interests, and preparedness to convert any imperialist war into a civil war by fomenting revolutionary uprising in the capitalist states when their strength should be weakened in a time of military crisis. Under the last objective, the Comintern advocated disloyalty to the "capitalist government" in any non-Soviet state by Communist Party members.

Communist literature abounds in illustrations of the fact that implicit loyalty to the USSR is a prerequisite to membership in the Communist Party in other countries. GEORGE DIMITROV, Comintern leader, wrote from Moscow in 1937: "The historical dividing line between the forces of Fascism, war, and capitalism on the one hand, and the forces of peace, democracy, and socialism on the other hand, is in fact the attitude towards the Soviet Union - not the formal attitude towards Soviet power and socialism in general, but the attitude to the Soviet Union, which has been a reality for twenty years now, with its tireless struggle against enemies, with its dictatorship of the working class, with its Stalin Constitution, and with the leadership of the Party of LENIN and STALIN."

Since the spreading of world Communism presupposes under Marxist doctrines the fomenting of revolutionary upsurges among the proletariat of the capitalist nations, such a program should be launched and is planned to be launched by the Communists when the bourgeois state is at its weakest level, such as after its military forces have suffered reverses at war and its domestic economy is in a state of consequent turmoil. To bring about this desired revolutionary situation, the Communists had openly advocated

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that the Communists pursue the policy of defeating their own capitalist government in any imperialistic war. This tactic is well illustrated in The Twenty-one Conditions for Admission into the Communist International by PIATNITSKY, which states: "The obligation to spread Communist ideas includes the particular necessity of persistent, systematic propaganda in the army. Whenever such propaganda is forbidden by exceptional laws, it must be carried on illegally. The abandonment of such work would be equivalent to the betrayal of revolutionary duty and is incompatible with membership in the Third International (Comintern)."

Concerning the alleged dissolution of the Comintern in May, 1943, it is well to consider these facts: Although the Communist Party line changes frequently, it never changes in any of its fundamental principles. By definition the Party is a group of nonconforming insurgents whose only common denominator is their adherence to certain basic principles in whose absence the Party would, of necessity, disintegrate. Apart from logical proof of this point, there is the explicit testimony of the Party itself on this subject: "It is clear, however, that basic principles and decisions such as, for example, the program of the Communist International, cannot be questioned in the Party" (The Communist Party, A Manual on Organization).

That Communist leaders may have in a sense foreseen the possibility of a formal or ostensible dissolution of the Comintern and its affiliated groups is pointed to in the third condition for admission to the Communist International: "... Communists can have no confidence in bourgeois law. They must everywhere create a parallel illegal apparatus which, at the decisive moment, could assist the Party in performing its duty to the revolution." (PIATNITSKY.) Again, D. Z. MANUILSKY, secretary of the Communist International, in a speech before the thirteenth plenum of the Executive Committee of the Comintern in Moscow in March, 1934, stated: "For the period which is opening before us, we do not need simply Communists, but Communist underground workers. They must be people tried and tested in every respect. . . ."

In the following pages of this report, there will be delineated a number of recent and very striking examples of Comintern operation in the United States which emphatically give the lie to pronouncements that the Comintern is dead and to current avowals of loyalty and patriotism by the American Communist Party.

Investigations have proved the continuous use of the Communists in the United States by Soviet agents and have confirmed the operation of an illegal and underground apparatus under the direction of Russian

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Communists and Soviet Governmental officers. The implications of this activity in this time of vital war effort of the United States and in the trying period of post-war readjustment to come warrant the closest attention and consideration.

A better understanding of the methods by which the USSR uses and controls the Communist revolutionary forces to protect and strengthen itself against hostile and potentially unfriendly powers can be gained from a brief description of its foreign intelligence and counter-espionage operations.

The "Peoples' Commissariat of Internal Affairs," known as the N.K.V.D., was established in the USSR in July, 1934, as the successor to the OGPU. Among the principal duties assigned to it was the preservation of revolutionary order and state security. A separate Department of State Security was created within its organization which assumed the espionage activities formerly carried out by the OGPU.

Sources believed to be reliable have estimated the present strength of this Department of State Security as 35,000 employees. Prior to 1934, the foreign espionage activities of the Soviet Government had been primarily of an economic and political nature, although military information had been obtained where available. An additional responsibility for military espionage specifically was placed on the Department of State Security by the personal order of JOSEPH STALIN when the N.K.V.D. was created in 1934. This function had been taken from the Soviet Military Intelligence Office in 1933, except in countries immediately adjacent to the USSR, because of complaint from Communist agents abroad over the manner in which it had been conducting espionage activities, particularly in the United States.

The I.N.O. or foreign espionage section of the N.K.V.D. is reportedly very similarly organized to that of the old OGPU, and Soviet Military Intelligence. Allegedly it retains the system of employing so-called legal and illegal resident agents in foreign countries. "Legal agent" is the term applied to the representative attached to the Embassy, Consular staff, or some trade mission affording him legitimate cover for his presence, and ready access to diplomatic channels to receive instructions and to transmit information. The illegal or underground agent has no apparent connections with official Soviet organizations but usually possesses a legitimate business cover for his activities.

From information available, it appears that jurisdiction is a geographical area corresponding to the area served by the Consulate or

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Embassy to which the agent is assigned. There may be more than one legal agent, and in such cases their duties seem to be subdivided by subject matter.

In addition to his first responsibility of keeping an eye on Soviet officials and their activities in the foreign country and area under his jurisdiction, the legal agent is alleged also to supervise the gathering of economic and espionage material through the various trade and other missions of the USSR. He must further report on the political and economic conditions of the country to which he is assigned, including the general attitude of the country toward labor, Communism, the USSR and its foreign policies. Each Soviet citizen residing abroad is also encouraged to gather information that may be of value and this also clears through the legal agent.

The most important duty the legal agent has from an espionage standpoint is that of maintaining a channel of communication with the underground agent. He must maintain his contacts of this nature in such a discreet manner that if the underground agent is discovered, as little embarrassment as possible will reflect upon the USSR. It is the duty of the underground agent to carry out the more dangerous assignments and to establish a network of informants and sub-agents that would be able to operate in case of a rupture in diplomatic relations or of war. Although he usually transmits the more important information he receives by means of the legal agent, it appears that the illegal agent also has the responsibility of establishing an underground system of communicating with the USSR for routine reports and for use in the event of war.

Work of all agents is usually done through a large network of informants, contacts, and sub-agents residing in the foreign country carefully recruited from the ranks of Soviet citizens, members of the Communist Party, and others who can be bribed or coerced into doing the work. These sub-agents are usually unknown to one another, and each is supposed to recruit his own separate chain of informants and contacts. Each is usually assigned to the task of gathering only one type of data, but other agents will often be engaged in gathering the same type of information simultaneously and independently of the first.

Perhaps the greatest single advantage the N.K.V.D. possesses is the right to draw from the ranks of the Communist Party in the country to which its agents are assigned for their informants and sub-agents. These individuals are often called upon to furnish information and may do so without knowledge of the purpose for which it will be used. In the event

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these persons are used as a part of the permanent structure of the Communist espionage network, however, they are regarded as members of the Comintern Apparatus. Thus this Apparatus is composed only of the illegal and underground members. Its original function appears to have been that of acting as a link between the Comintern in Moscow and the various Communist Parties abroad, for which purpose it possessed its own private means of communicating throughout the world. Naturally only the most trusted of Communists belong to this group. Since the alleged dissolution of the Comintern in May, 1943, the activities of this Apparatus have, perforce, come more and more under the immediate direction of the N.K.V.D.

In addition to the Comintern Apparatus, the N.K.V.D. also calls upon other members of the Party whose loyalty has been proved. In the past few years it has frequently utilized the services of veterans of the International Brigade in Spain for individual acts of espionage or terrorism. Reliable informants have stated that every true Communist considers it his duty to assist the N.K.V.D. in its work in line with LENIN's reported injunction that "Every Communist should be a Chekist."

In selecting Party members to assist in its work, it appears that the N.K.V.D. endeavors to use those individuals whose association with the Party is not too well known. As the agent becomes more and more involved in the system, his Party activities become less and less.

Available information indicates that Soviet espionage activities got off to a very slow start in the United States, principally because of the lack of official diplomatic channels between the two countries. It has been alleged by reliable sources, however, that between 1926 and 1933, the Soviet Military Intelligence became quite active in underground channels in this country. With the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1933, the known espionage activities of Soviet agents in this country gradually increased until 1941. At the latter date, with the establishment of Lend-Lease and the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States, the number of Soviet nationals in the United States skyrocketed; there now are an estimated 2500 on either diplomatic or official visas. As only members of the Communist Party of the USSR in good standing may represent the Soviet Government abroad, the number of possible Soviet espionage agents in this country is very large, and the known Soviet espionage has increased in the United States during this period.

N.K.V.D. operations comprise three broad fields, or parallels, as the Russians call them: (1) military and industrial information; (2) political and government information and pressure; (3) pro-Soviet propaganda.

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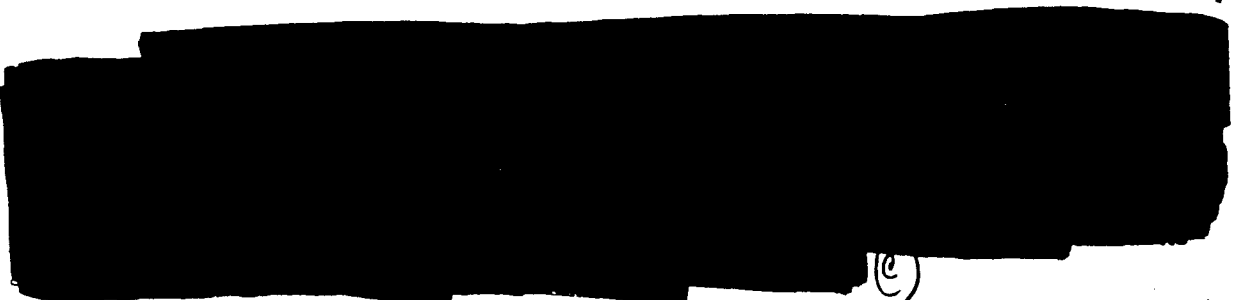
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The subject matter sought in the first parallel needs no explanation. The political parallel in addition to collecting political information of value to the USSR also attempts to direct Communist infiltration of minority or racial groups in various foreign countries. The infiltration of foreign governments through penetration by Communists is also directed by the N.K.V.D. as part of its activities in this parallel. The third or propaganda parallel operates almost openly in the United States for the purpose of creating a friendly attitude toward the USSR and its foreign policies. It utilizes Communist-controlled or dominated organizations and publications already established in the United States as well as the services of various missions and publications of its own.

The principal method of transmission of information and instructions between the United States and the USSR is the diplomatic pouch. Prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1933, courier seamen were the principal communication channel. The Soviet diplomatic pouch is presently available to N.K.V.D. agents for the transmission of information to the USSR, and it is also used for personal communications and for items emanating from pro-Soviet organizations working with the propaganda parallel in order to avoid censorship.

Russian espionage and propaganda activities in the United States appear to be channeled through commissariats of the Soviet Government maintaining offices and performing official functions in this country. It is known that these activities are performed with the cooperation of members of the Communist Party. The individuals of primary importance in the dissemination of Russian propaganda and transmission of espionage information are, for the purpose of this investigation, considered as a coordinated association referred to as the Comintern Apparatus.

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It is believed the N.K.V.T., or Peoples' Commissariat of Foreign Trade, through the offices of Amtorg and the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, performs the functions attendant on Soviet purchases and Lend-Lease program in the United States. In connection with Lend-Lease activities



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aspects of petroleum, synthetic rubber, and high octane gasoline manufacture. It also inspects shipbuilding facilities and heavy industry plants, and even the food industry is given attention.

The SGPC has a political side also and has political commissars like the Red Army. It also does its share in spreading propaganda in this hemisphere by importing and distributing literature and other propaganda media made in the USSR and devoted to praise of the Soviet system. The conduct of the employees is watched, as in Russia, and any infractions of the Communist Party rules bring prompt discipline through the N.K.V.D. representative. Non-Russian clerical employees of SGPC selected from the local Communist Party are active in Communist front groups and may serve as channels between official Soviet agencies and the local Communist Party organization. It is believed, however, that this type of person is hired more for security reasons than for any other.

(The most striking example of Comintern operations in this country has been uncovered in connection with the Soviet-directed espionage attempts against military research projects dealing with atomic explosives. A series of highly secret scientific experiments have been in progress since the entry of the United States into war under a multi-billion dollar War Department program directed toward utilizing atomic energy to produce an explosive of phenomenal destructiveness.

The successful completion of this program, known as the DSM Project, before other belligerent nations are capable of producing similar explosives is not only essential to the victory of the United Nations but to the continued status of this country as a first-class power after the war. It has been stated authoritatively that so mighty is the known potentiality of this explosive that any nation possessing it as a monopoly would unquestionably be the most formidable power on earth. The Project, therefore, was rated among the top military secrets of the war. Even its existence during the initial experiments conducted at the University of California, Berkeley, was camouflaged and protected by the most stringent military regulations.

X (Early in 1943 it was reported to the San Francisco Office of the Bureau that numerous employees of the Radiation Laboratory at which the DSM experiments were in progress at the University of California were either members of the Communist Party or were closely affiliated with it. There was every indication of a studied effort by the Party to place its qualified members in this project for the purpose of gaining knowledge of the experiments being conducted. A plan appeared evident

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the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission sponsors technical missions to selected industries and plants for purposes of inspection of material and instruction in manufacturing methods. Although these missions are conducted with the official approval of this government, they constitute a potential medium of industrial espionage.

Reliable sources report that agents of the Peoples' Commissariat for Internal Affairs, or N.K.V.D., may operate independently or as employees of other Soviet agencies. Therefore, N.K.V.D. agents cannot be identified with a particular type of endeavor. Their activities may be anticipated wherever Russian nationals are located or Soviet interests involved.

The Peoples' Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, or N.K.I.D., supervises the USSR Embassy and Consulates. It is noted that the Free Germany movement is allegedly directed from the USSR Embassy at Mexico and extends its activities into the field of propaganda and political pressure groups. Also under the supervision of the N.K.I.D. is VOKS, the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. VOKS, in turn, is closely allied in the United States with the American-Russian Institute.

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Also of political and propaganda interests is the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Through this organization the pro-Soviet interests are enabled to maintain a liaison between the Communist Party and official Soviet agencies, using the organization as a front from which appeals are directed to the public at large for funds to further the cause of Communism through direct financial aid to Communist groups and individuals.

The Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States, together with Amtorg, is staffed with Soviet engineers, businessmen, and N.K.V.D. agents. In the course of their daily contacts, they collect for the benefit of the USSR valuable information concerning production and commercial problems in the United States. Their representatives are situated at vital war industries in this country and with very little effort and without arousing undue suspicion, they are able to learn what is going on within those industries. They are also afforded tours of inspection through the modern war plants of the United States and have at times had complete factories designed and built for transmission to Russia. The SGPC appears chiefly interested in aircraft engineering and various

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for Communists and sympathizers to gain employment at the Laboratory through the Communist-dominated Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians-CIO which started to organize employees of the Laboratory and unsuccessfully sought to obtain a closed shop there until its efforts were called off in the fall of 1943 by PHILIP MURRAY, presumably at the request of the President of the United States.

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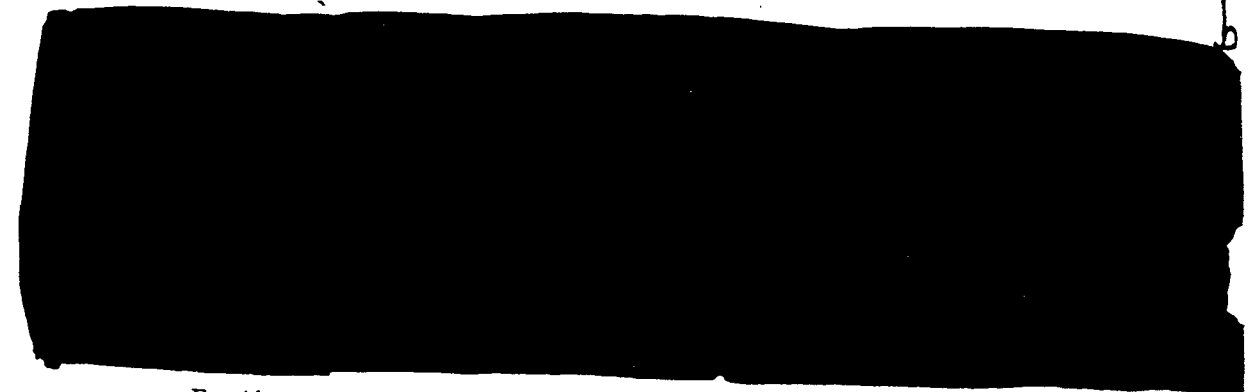
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Further Comintern-directed efforts to gain access to information about the DSM Projects in other sections of the United States have been indicated by investigation of the activities of ARTHUR ADAMS of New York City. ADAMS claims to be a native of Toronto, Ontario, and he entered the United States in 1932. He is employed by the Keynote Recording Company of New York City which produces Communist and Russian recordings. He possesses an extensive library on engineering, chemistry, and physics, particularly in such subjects as radar, hydraulics, aviation, electronics, nuclear physics, and atomics. He subscribes to a great many technical periodicals and has extensive camera equipment of the highest quality. Confidential sources have disclosed that notes among his personal effects concern many significant aspects of the DSM experiments, portions of this relating directly to the Project located at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These notes concerned comparative progress of experiments in this general field in the United States and other countries. Some of them were in the form of a series of questions on the nature and progress of the experiments and production processes, the answers to which, it has been authoritatively stated, would be of great interest to any other nation. (S)(u)

ADAMS has been observed in association with three employees of the DSM Project at Chicago, Illinois, all of whom possess Communist and pro-Soviet backgrounds, all of whom are well acquainted with one another as well as with ADAMS, and who are considered to be the most likely sources of the information about the DSM Project known to be in ADAMS' possession after he made these contacts. One of the employees of the Chicago Project, Dr. CLARENCE HISKEY, was ordered to active duty in the United States Army in May, 1944, shortly after his meeting with ADAMS. While HISKEY was en route to his post of assignment in the army in May, 1944, a confidential source disclosed that he had in his possession at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, seven pages of notes on his work at the DSM Project in Chicago, and similar confidential material which was, of course, a very serious violation of the security restrictions of the Project and apparently was indicative of an (S)(u)

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attempt by HISKEY to furnish this information to unauthorized persons outside the United States. (S)(u)

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Stone His principal associate in New York City is VICTORIA SINGER STONE, an important member of the Communist Party who operates a jewelry store in Manhattan. He is her only associate of any frequency, and they have been observed spending a large amount of time together poring over papers and documents which ADAMS apparently brings to her. VICTORIA STONE was reported to have been a member of the OGPU in the early 1930's, and she still closely associates with EARL BROWDER, JACK STACHEL, ROY HUDSON, and other top-flight Communists in the United States. [REDACTED] (S)(u) b

Another close associate of ADAMS is JULIUS HEILMAN, who is alleged to have been active for many years in supplying the Communist Party in the United States with funds from the USSR through the conversion of jewels sent for this purpose from Russia. HEILMAN's daughter, [REDACTED] is reported to have been at one time employed at the USSR Embassy in Washington as a confidential secretary to the Soviet Ambassador. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] She is presently employed by the Russian Tass News Agency in the United States. (S)(u) [C] b1

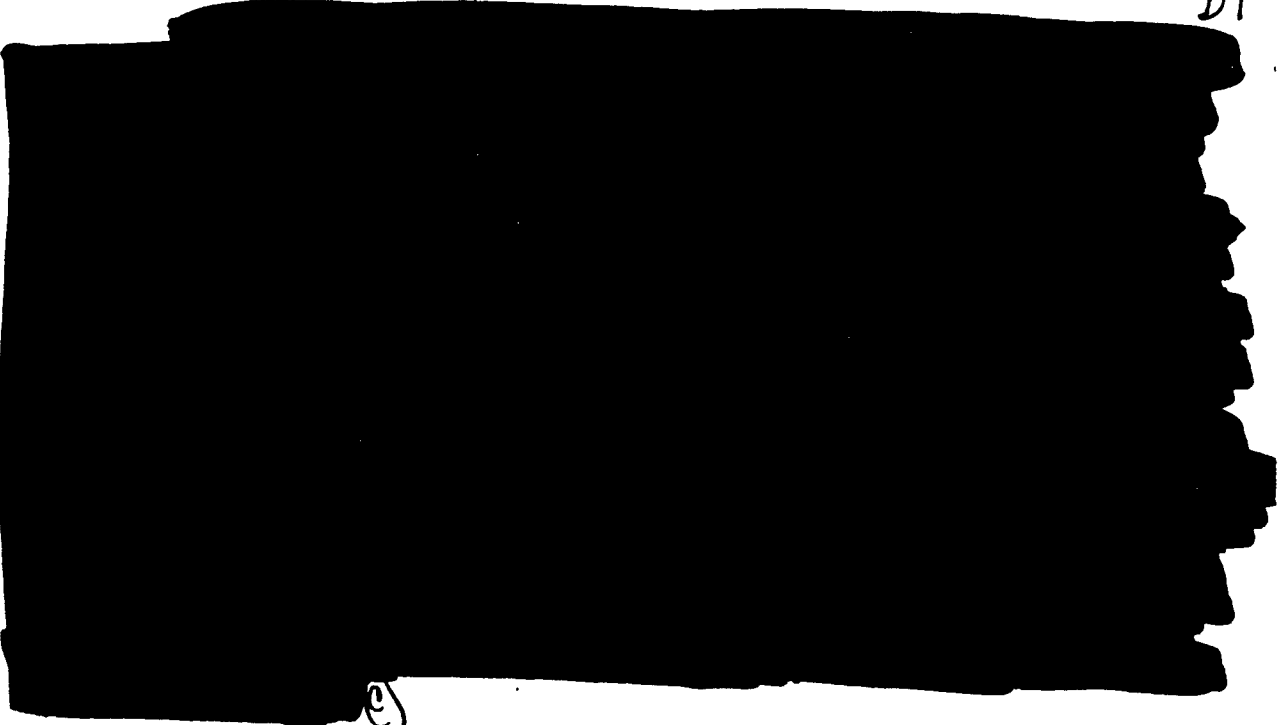
Another significant contact of ADAMS, although not connected with the DSM Project, has been [REDACTED] who was employed as a draftsman or designer by the [REDACTED] from August, 1942, to April, 1944. His work was connected with making drawings of all [REDACTED] instruments used by the American armed forces, for use in servicing and maintaining this equipment in the field and under combat conditions. A definite suspicion that [REDACTED] may have furnished ADAMS confidential information in his possession through the above employment has been created through evidence obtained that ADAMS paid [REDACTED] \$1,000 for no apparent legitimate reason on August 8, 1944. [REDACTED] is presently employed in preparing training manuals for use by the American Army. (S)(u) b7

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Concrete and specific evidence of the operation of a network of active American Communists, recent Russian emigres to the United States, and Communist refugees and other left-wing radicals in Latin America - all uniformly pro-Soviet - engaged in underground conspiracy and secret intercommunication through illegal and highly suspicious means employing codes, secret writing, and couriers, has been provided by the Bureau's investigation in the ALTO case. It has been determined that many of the secret communications in that case sent between New York City and Mexico City by illegal means probably related to efforts to liberate "FRANK JACSON," a Soviet agent presently serving a twenty-year prison sentence in Mexico for the assassination of LEON TROTSKY in 1940. Strong indications exist that the network involved in the ALTO case was used in part to effect the transfer of funds from New York to Mexico for "JACSON's" assistance. These activities are plainly as much a part of the terroristic political design evidenced by the plot to kill TROTSKY as was the preliminary plotting which selected "JACSON" as the assassin. Persons assisting in this necessary aftermath of the crime - many of them prominent New York Communists - thereby lent assistance to the secret and ruthless corps of Soviet foreign agents responsible for the crime. (u) b1



(c) [redacted] the Bureau received an anonymous letter in the Russian language mailed in Washington, D. C., charging that [redacted] (u) b1

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This corroboration existed to such an extent as to place the writer of the letter in the position of one who undoubtedly was fully acquainted with the operations of the [REDACTED] and consequently it has lent considerable credibility to the other allegations that were not susceptible to independent verification. Efforts to date have failed to identify the author of the letter or the typewriter on which it was written. (S)/u

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THE DSM PROJECT

For more than the past two years the War Department has been conducting a scientific experimental program to perfect an explosive of phenomenal destructiveness utilizing atomic energy. This program is known as the DSM Project. The fact that the War Department is actually in control of the project is of itself a closely-guarded secret.

Experiments on the project were first conducted at the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley. Now, however, the DSM Project has so progressed that there are five principal installations at which experimentation and actual tests are being conducted, and facilities are being completed for the manufacture of the finished product. In addition, contracts have been let to various industrial concerns and laboratories throughout the country for the purpose of handling limited experimentation, processing raw materials, and building parts for the complex machinery necessary in the manufacture of the explosive.

X (The War Department has advised that the successful completion of the DSM Project and the possession of the explosive by any country is not alone a matter of winning the war but of surviving in the world thereafter. Germany and Soviet Russia are both engaged in experimentation to achieve the atomic explosive - this fact is known. It is conceivable that Germany, by first producing the explosive, could still turn the tide of victory against the United Nations. As late as October, 1943, it was known that if the Soviet Union could obtain information regarding formulae and experimental steps known to scientists engaged on the DSM Project, then it might be able to shortcut the experimentation of this country and reach a degree of production ahead of our country. Such a situation would place the United States at the mercy of the Soviet Union.

The very existence of the DSM Project is, accordingly, a top secret; the nature of the experiments and the object of the experimentation are a secret vital to the welfare of our country. The President of the United States has authorized the War Department to expend several billion dollars in experimentation on the explosive, and in its production.

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The Bureau's interest in the DSM Project has been in the identification of Communist activists and Soviet agents not employed on the separate DSM installations who have been attempting to obtain the secret information of the progress and methods of experiments conducted.

JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG

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WEINBERG resides at 2427 Blake Street, Berkeley, California, and is presently employed as an Associate Professor of Physics, University of California at Berkeley, and in addition to instructing, he does some work in research. He was born January 19, 1917, at New York City and is the son of BERNARD and BELLA RECHTLEBEN WEINBERG, both Jewish and born in Poland. who are presently citizens of the United States. He has two sisters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who reside and teach school in New York. Both are Communistically inclined. WEINBERG is married to MERLE ANN (HOESLY) WEINBERG, who is an active Communist. WEINBERG has admitted Communist affiliations since 1938, and has been an active member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO. b7c

His past employment record includes a position as tutorial fellow in physics at City College of New York and as Graduate Assistant at the University of Wisconsin. He entered the University of California in 1939 as a graduate student in the Physics Department and served as Graduate Assistant and Research Fellow. He received a Ph.D. Degree in June, 1943. WEINBERG was first employed part time at the DSM Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in Berkeley on April 14, 1943, but prior to that time was closely associated with other employees on the Project in his capacity as a Research Fellow, through means of which he was familiar with many of the secret details of the Project.

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It was subsequently learned from the Special C.I.C. Detachment at Berkeley that an officer of the Detachment had interviewed J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER on August 26, 1943, and at this time OPPENHEIMER had stated that an unknown individual connected with the Russian Consulate had been in contact with GEORGE CHARLES ELTENTON, possibly three or four months previously and had requested ELTENTON's assistance in procuring information concerning the secret work being carried on at the Radiation Laboratory.

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HERMAN JOSEPH FANGER

FANGER resides at 1131 Oakland Avenue, Oakland, California, and is Vice-President of the Fanger Research and Manufacturing Company, 125 Second Street, San Francisco. He was born March 27, 1895, at Sarnen, Switzerland, and entered the United States at New York City May 10, 1914. He was granted United States citizenship June 25, 1926, at Oakland, California, is married to LETHA BRUCE FANGER, and they have a son, [REDACTED] now 25 years of age. FANGER reportedly spent three months in Russia as a junior engineer and is known to have commented favorably on Russian scientific accomplishments but there is no information available to indicate that FANGER has ever been active in the Communist Party or any of its affiliated front groups. [REDACTED] b7c b1

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[REDACTED] is presently serving as a medical officer with the United States Army. He formerly resided at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED] and their young child. He is an American citizen born at [REDACTED] and is a graduate of [REDACTED] (u)

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PAUL GEORGE PINSKY

PINSKY resides at 1242 Pierce Street, San Francisco, and has the title of Research Director of the California CIO. His headquarters are at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. He was born November 13, 1912, at Harbin, Manchuria, is of Russian-Jewish extraction, and arrived in the United States at San Francisco August 11, 1931. He gained United States citizenship by naturalization on April 16, 1937, at Oakland, California. He is married to SARA FISHER, an insurance company clerk and Communist sympathizer, and they have two small children.

PINSKY has been an active official of the FAECT since 1937, and he is also a known Communist, having served on San Francisco County Committees of the Party. He is known to associate constantly with Communists and Communist leaders in the San Francisco area. He was formerly International Representative for the FAECT, and maintains close contact with FAECT affairs. In November, 1943, when national officials of the FAECT instructed that the local of Chapter 25 at the Radiation Laboratory be disbanded because it was "too hot," PINSKY indicated he desired to delay such action until it could be learned why such a directive had been issued by the union's national headquarters. PINSKY attended the University of British Columbia and the University of California at Berkeley for four years, majoring in agriculture, bacteriology, and biochemistry, affording him a background enabling him to understand many of the scientific and technical phases of experiments being conducted at the Radiation Laboratory and the Shell Development Laboratory, the latter specializing in high octane gasoline and synthetic rubber, both military needs.

He is an associate of LOUISE BRANSTEN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PINSKY, probably at the request of LOUISE BRANSTEN, acted as an interpreter for SOLOMON MICHOELS and Colonel ITZIK FEFFER of a Russian good-will delegation who appeared at a dinner in August, 1943, in San Francisco, the funds for which were to be donated to a Leningrad hospital. PINSKY is a known contributor to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the PEOPLES WORLD newspaper. He has also acted as an instructor at the Tom Mooney (now the California) Labor School in San Francisco. A meeting is known to have taken place in the home of PINSKY on July 6, 1943, which was attended by him together with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman

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and National Labor Representative of the Communist Party; WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State Communist Secretary; STEVE NELSON, Alameda County Communist official and member of the National Committee; MERVYN RATHBORNE, known Communist and Secretary of the State Council of the CIO; GEORGE WILSON, known Communist and president of the CIO Industrial Union Council; LOU GOLDBLATT, known Communist and Secretary-Treasurer of the ILWU; RICHARD "DICK" LYNDEN, known Communist and President of ILWU Local 1-6, CIO; PAUL HEIDE, known Communist and Secretary of the CIO Council, Oakland, California; RUBY HEIDE, wife of PAUL, known Communist and Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council; PAUL SCHNUR, known Communist and Secretary of the San Francisco CIO Council; and CARL RUDE (RUDIE) LAMBERT, State Labor Director for the Communists. *(u)*

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF RADIATION LABORATORY,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Early in 1943 it was reliably reported to the San Francisco Office that numerous employees of the Radiation Laboratory were either members of the Communist Party or closely associated therewith. At the same time, these sources stated there was every indication of a studied effort by Communist officials to place their members in employment at the Laboratory; and the purpose of this effort was to gain knowledge of the experiments being conducted.

[REDACTED] When the Communist group at the Radiation Laboratory in April of 1943 expressed a desire to come out more into the open and affiliate themselves more closely with Communist Party activity, STEVE NELSON ordered against it, saying they would then be of no use and such open activity would disrupt their setup at the Laboratory. *(u)*

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From a review of all information developed, it would appear the plan was for the Communist Party members and sympathizers to gain employment at the Radiation Laboratory through the FAECT, CIO. It is known that during 1943 considerable organizational activity was undertaken by the FAECT to unionize the Laboratory. A local of the union was established on the DSM Project and on the University of California campus, but the union was never successful in obtaining a closed shop agreement. It is pointed out that the FAECT, CIO, as it exists in the California area, is completely Communist dominated. MARCEL SCHERER and ROSE SEIGRE, who have directed the local efforts of the union as International Representatives, are both Communist

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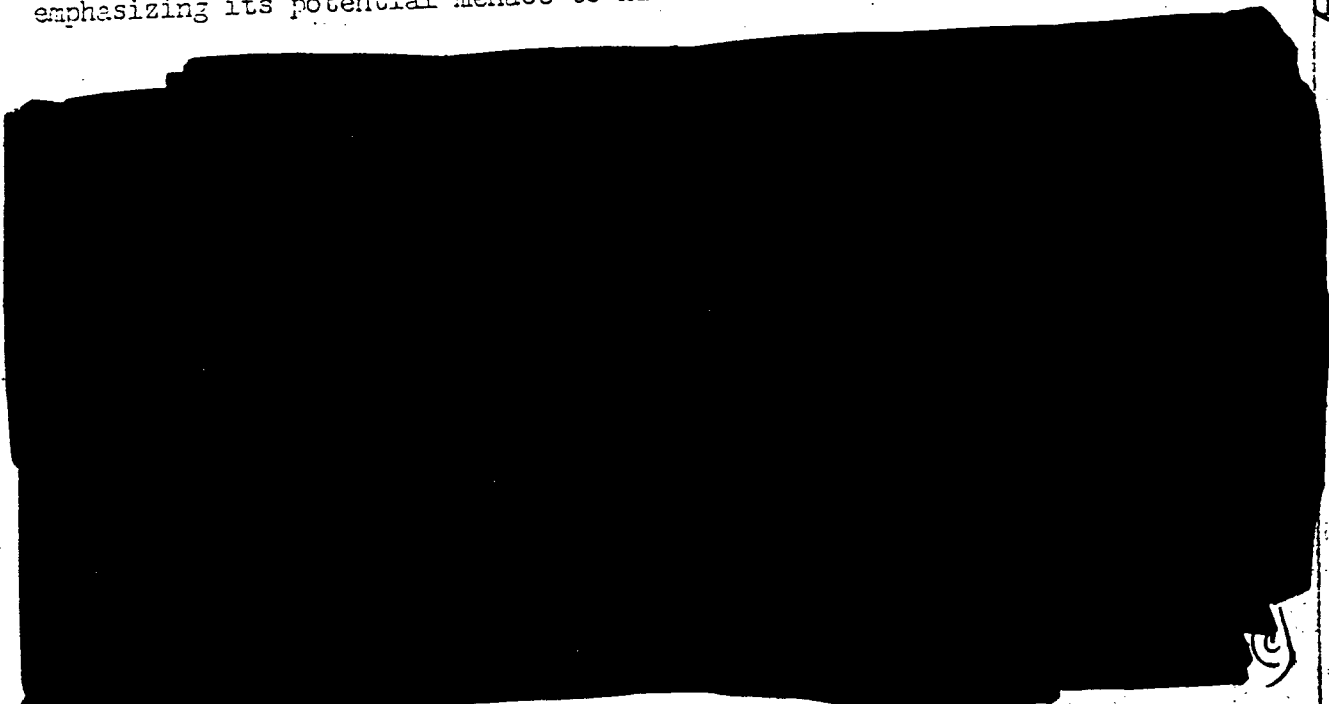
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Party members of long standing and tried reliability. Organizational work was continued on the DSM Project until November 2, 1943, when PHILIP MURRAY, national leader of the CIO, presumably acting on the suggestion of the President of the United States, ordered that all union organizational work at the Radiation Laboratory was to cease for the duration of the war. Individual members of the union employed on the Project have, however, been urged to continue their union affiliation.

FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS AND TECHNICIANS

Investigation of the FAECT - CIO dates back to the spring of 1940 and was begun on information furnished to the effect that this organization was under Communist domination and, as a matter of fact, was allegedly conceived by the Communist Party. It was further alleged that at the fifth annual convention of the FAECT, it appeared that the dominating group in the organization had seized upon America's rearmament program as a means of increasing the power of the FAECT and the bolstering of its demands. It was subsequently revealed that this union had succeeded in establishing itself in highly critical and, in some cases, highly secret war industries, thereby emphasizing its potential menace to national safety.



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MARCEL E. SCHERER, alias
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SCHERER is of particular interest in this case in that he was very active in organizing the several FAECT locals in the San Francisco area, including the local at the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley. He is a known Communist and has been active in Communist affairs for many years. While in the San Francisco area, SCHERER was known to associate with many prominent Communists, and in particular was known to have been in the company of STEVE NELSON on several occasions. [REDACTED] b

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SCHERER was transferred to the East Coast during the summer of 1943. He had arrived in San Francisco in July, 1942, and for several weeks resided at the Carleton Hotel, Berkeley, and thereafter moved to the home of FRANK and SAERA COLLINS, 2419 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, until May 17, 1943. From there he moved to the home of [REDACTED] b7
This was his last-known address in the San Francisco area. He is now living at [REDACTED] He formerly held the title of International Vice President in charge of organization for the FAECT - CIO, but reportedly was ousted from this position.

SCHERER was born at Bucharest, Rumania, on August 8, 1899, and gained United States citizenship derivatively through the naturalization of

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his father on July 25, 1906. He is married to LENA DAVIS SCHERER, and they have a son 17 years of age. LENA DAVIS is employed by the DAILY WORKER newspaper, and she has been a Communist for a number of years, having held the position of District Secretary of the Communist Party of New Jersey from 1933 to 1940. SCHERER has a B.S. Degree from City College, New York, awarded in 1919, and was reportedly active in Communist affairs at that time. He was aldermanic candidate on the Communist Party ticket in Brooklyn, New York, in 1931.

The following named are the national officers of the FAECT in the San Francisco area; all are known Communists:

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DAVID E. ADELSON, International Vice President
PAUL G. PINSKY, West Coast Representative
ROSE C. SEGRE, West Coast Representative
BERNARD YOUNG, West Coast Representative

Chapter 25 of the FAECT was the local to which employees of the Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley were assigned. The following is a list of the officers of this chapter, all of whom are known Communists:

DAVID E. ADELSON, President
FRANK C. COLLINS, Vice President
JOHN SCHUYTEN, Executive Secretary
MARGT BARTLETT, Office Secretary

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There are an estimated 900 to 1000 members of the FAECT in the San Francisco area. Of these, at least 70 members are known to belong to the Communist Political Association or are persons sympathetic to, and probably susceptible to, the domination of the Communists. Among those of particular interest, in addition to the officers named above, are LOUISE BRANSDEN, GEORGE CHARLES ELTON, and JEROME RUBIN VINOGRAD. It has also been revealed that the FAECT union has without exception followed the Communist "line" through its many variations. This union is also known to have supported with the Communists the agitation for a second front and is a financial supporter of the Russian War Relief, Labor's Non-Partisan League, the HARRY BRIDGES Defense Fund, California Labor School, and many other Communist inspired and dominated projects.

Up to the time the local at the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley was disbanded, the membership of this local numbered about forty, and despite the fact that Laboratory officials constantly impressed on the local the necessity for preservation of the secrecy concerning the highly confidential

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experiments being conducted there, the union insisted on publishing the fact that it had a local at this installation. Furthermore, MARCEL SCHERER, then directing organizational work of the Laboratory employees, caused leaflets to be distributed which stated, "Secrecy is seldom an instrument of equality or justice."

SCIENCE FOR VICTORY COMMITTEE

Largely through the influence and efforts of the FAECT, and more particularly by reason of the work of the Communist Party members in the union, there was organized in Berkeley a group known as the "Science for Victory Committee." The announced purpose of the organization was to serve as a "clearing house of information" from which small manufacturing concerns unable to maintain research laboratories might obtain aid in solving some of their scientific problems. The Science for Victory Committee endeavored to have itself accredited by the Government as a technical advisory committee to the War Production Board. The potentialities of such an organization as espionage nuclei are readily apparent. It is particularly significant that the Communist employees on the DSLI Project were most active with the Science for Victory Committee; and it is equally significant that STEVE NELSON and other Communist functionaries were extremely solicitous that it should succeed. The Science for Victory Committee was first organized in October of 1943. A few months after its inception it had failed to achieve the recognition that was expected outside the Communist circles, and it steadily declined. Eventually a letter from the Science for Victory Committee headquarters dated August 9, 1944, stated it was being disbanded in favor of the Science and Technological Panel of the CIO - PAC, and described the latter group as a more effective organizational structure.

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Among the known Communists or suspected Communists who were leaders of, or active in, the Science for Victory Committee were Dr. BERNARD PETERS, FRANK COLLINS and his wife SANDRA, ALAN FLANIGAN, ROSE SEIGRE, Dr. RALPH GUNDLACH, and [REDACTED] BRUCE DAYTON, employed by the U. S. Navy and residing in Berkeley, California, served as chairman of the Committee. Although he has not been identified as a Communist, he nevertheless maintained close contact with Communist members who were in control of the Committee. [REDACTED] b7c b1

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BERNADETTE DOYLE, as she is most generally known, is indicated as the one who acted as intermediary between STEVE NELSON and various employees of the DSM Project. [REDACTED] b

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MARY BERNADETTE DOYLE, alias
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Doyle Price, Mrs. Walter J. Price

DOYLE at one time was married to and divorced from WALTER J. PRICE, now deceased. She resides at 1315 Spruce Street, Berkeley, California, and is Secretary of the Alameda County Communist Political Association, 1723 Webster

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Street, Oakland, California. She is an American citizen born August 5, 1905, at San Jose, California. She attended the University of California at Los Angeles at irregular intervals from 1927-1937, her education being interrupted because of poor health, principally because of nervous seizures. She attended the University of California at Berkeley from 1938-1940. Her activity with Communist front organizations in Oakland and vicinity began in 1940, and since the following year she has been a paid full-time functionary of the Communists.

ASSOCIATES OF JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were constant companions of each other and of JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG while this group were frequenting the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. Of this group, all except [REDACTED] were known Communists, and the latter, if not actually a Party member, was a sympathizer and supporter of the Communists. All were employed at the secret DSM Project and were active in the FAECT local there. During investigations made by the Special C.I.C. Detachment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WEINBERG [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all came under observation [REDACTED] Their positions at the Laboratory, their Communistic leanings, and the fact that they were linked with NELSON through the Communist Party, made them likely suspects. Because of their backgrounds and sympathies, it was believed that any one of them was capable of and likely to furnish the secret information regarding the project, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], alias [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was inducted into the army in August, 1943. He is single, and prior to induction roomed at [REDACTED] both [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. His parents, [REDACTED], reside in [REDACTED]. Both are Jewish and were born in Poland, and are naturalized citizens of the United States. [REDACTED] holds a degree of Ph.D. in chemistry and operates the General Laboratories in Oklahoma City.

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[REDACTED], as he is best known, has a B.S. Degree from the University [REDACTED] and while a student there he was employed part time by the [REDACTED]. In 1940-1942 he did graduate work in physics at the [REDACTED] and was employed there as a Teacher's Assistant in Physics. Beginning on June 1, 1942, and continuing until his army induction, [REDACTED] was employed as a physicist at the DSM Project in Berkeley. He was an active member, and was at one time an officer, in the FAECT local at the Project. In addition to being a staunch Communist member, [REDACTED] was also affiliated with a number of Communist organizations, including the Campus Committee for Peace Mobilization, the California Youth Legislature, American Student Union, and the Young Communist League.

[REDACTED] is single and once roomed with [REDACTED]. He now resides at [REDACTED] and is employed as a physicist at the DSM Project. He is a specialist in nuclear physics and is regarded as a leader in this field. He received his Ph.D. from the [REDACTED] in June, 1943. He is an American citizen born in [REDACTED] the son of Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe. His father, [REDACTED], runs a second-hand furniture store in [REDACTED]. His only brother is a student at [REDACTED] and his family appears to be one of limited financial means. He was a member of the FAECT local at the Project up to the time it was dissolved.

[REDACTED] is presently residing in [REDACTED] and is employed as a physics instructor at the [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen, born [REDACTED], in [REDACTED] the son of Polish immigrants of the Jewish race. His parents are naturalized citizens and his father, [REDACTED], is a poultry dealer in [REDACTED] where his family have resided for approximately twenty years. Both parents are reported to have been members of the International Workers Order. [REDACTED] has three brothers and sisters, all born in the United States. An elder brother, [REDACTED], is now employed as an instructor at the University of [REDACTED] and is a writer for [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] employment at the DSM Project in Berkeley began September 4, 1942, at which time he was also a teaching assistant in the Physics Department at the University and studying for his Ph.D. Degree. While the FAECT local was functioning at the Project, he served as a [REDACTED] and member of the [REDACTED]. His services at the DSM Project were terminated in September, 1943.

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[REDACTED] Also in connection with [REDACTED], it will be noted elsewhere in this report he was mentioned by J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER as one who might be considered a suspect. *(X)u*

[REDACTED], alias

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is employed at the DSM Project in Berkeley. He is an American citizen born September 8, 1920, at Brooklyn, New York. He is the son of [REDACTED] who reside in Los Angeles, California. His parents are Russian Jewish emmiges and are naturalized American citizens. His wife, [REDACTED] is also of Russian descent and is a known Communist. [REDACTED] was awarded an A.B. Degree from the [REDACTED] in 1942. His employment at the DSM Project began on May 13, 1942, and he was in charge of the physicists' and technicians' section of the assay group. He was formerly [REDACTED] of the FAECT local at the DSM Project. Communist membership has never been definitely established regarding [REDACTED], but it is indicated he at least is a strong Communist supporter and probably a member in view of his attendance at the meeting in the WEINBERG home on August 17, 1943. *(X)u*

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[REDACTED] is also reported to have attended a social gathering sponsored by LOUISE BRANSTEN for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in San Francisco which was also attended by BRANSTEN, KHEIFETS, and BERNARD PETERS, DSM employee mentioned elsewhere, together with approximately a hundred other persons. *(X)u*

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BERNARD "BARNEY" YOUNG and ROSE SEIGRE, both officials in the FAECT - CIO, are two likely suspects in the matter of acquainting NELSON with individuals at the DSM Project in Berkeley who could be approached for information. Both YOUNG and SEIGRE are tried and tested Communists of long standing, and in any matter calling for a show of loyalty to either the United States or the Soviet Union, it is believed that both would favor the latter nation. As was noted elsewhere in this report, YOUNG has been under the domination of STEVE NELSON throughout his tenure as an official of the FAECT. ROSE SEIGRE appears to be likewise dominated by NELSON, with whom she has many conferences, most of which are conducted in secluded places and under secretive circumstances. (u)

YOUNG's position, and his Communist activities, have brought him into close association with WEINBERG, [REDACTED], GEORGE CHARLES ELTENTON, STEVE NELSON, BERNADETTE DOYLE, and others. b7c

BERNARD YOUNG, alias
"Barney" Young

YOUNG resides at 1329 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California, and is an International Representative of the FAECT - CIO, the office of which is at 160 Grand Avenue, Oakland, California. He is an American citizen, born June 3, 1912, at St. Louis, Missouri, of Jewish parents, SAMUEL and KATIE GOLDMAN YOUNG, who were born in Russia and England, respectively. BERNARD YOUNG is married to ETHEL SILVER YOUNG and they have three children of pre-school age. He was known as one of many Communists who had infiltrated the Alameda County Office of the State Relief Administration. While in this position, he was a member of the Communist-dominated State, County and Municipal Workers of America union. He is also said to have been a member of the United Office and Professional Workers Union; the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and the Seamen's Union. In 1940 he was a delegate to the Alameda CIO Council and a member of its executive board.

YOUNG was reported as active in the National Students League, and as the Educational Director of the Industrial Branch of the Young Communist League. He was arrested in 1936 by the Berkeley Police Department for picketing. YOUNG attended the University of California at Los Angeles for four and one-half years, apparently majoring in psychology. He made application, in 1940, for the position of Junior Social Worker for the State of California. Immediately prior to his appointment with the FAECT, from July, 1942, to August 3, 1943, YOUNG was employed as a shipfitter at Richmond Shipyard #3. The background of his being employed as an official in the FAECT is not known,

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but it is noted that early in August of 1943 he had been placed in the position of International Representative. That this appointment had other unusual aspects, and was apparently backed only by West Coast interests, possibly Communistic, is indicated in information furnished by confidential sources who advised that LEWIS ALAN BERNER, International President of the FAECT, in a letter to ROSE SEGURE, stated in strenuous terms that he objected to YOUNG's appointment, saying that such appointment did not have prior authority from the union's International. It was also indicated that BERNER's opposition to YOUNG's appointment was of such interest to BERNER that the latter was considering postponement of the national convention of the FAECT, scheduled for Philadelphia in September, 1943, until this matter was adjusted to BERNER's satisfaction.

ROSE COSETTE SEGURE, alias
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Alice Starr

SEGURE is single and resides with her parents at 689 Fairview Street, Oakland, California. She has been employed as International Representative of the FAECT, the office of which is at 160 Grand Avenue, Oakland. Since September 29, 1944, she has continued in this employment without compensation pending contract negotiations between FAECT and the Cutter Laboratories Berkeley, California. When this has been completed, she reportedly will accept a position with the California Labor School. She is an American citizen born September 25, 1909, at Newport, Rhode Island. Her father, GUS SEGURE, is a chief petty officer and veteran member of the United States Navy and is presently stationed near San Francisco. Her brother, [REDACTED] is an [REDACTED]. She is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and did postgraduate work at the University of Chicago, following which she was employed as a social worker and union organizer. Prior employment includes the position of International Representative of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America at Los Angeles, California. In addition to her membership as a Communist, she has also been associated with many of the Communist front organizations, and in keeping with the Communist policy current in July, 1944, she stirred up opposition to magazine articles and lectures by BERTRAM WOLFE. This activity was on behalf of the American-Russian Institute.

[REDACTED] is moderately active in Communist affairs and associates frequently with other known Communists. [REDACTED] assisted in organizing into the FAECT other employees of the DSM Project at Berkeley (A)

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and in so doing associated with MARCEL SCHERER, FRANK COLLINS, DAVID E. ADELSON, and others mentioned elsewhere in this report. (S)(u)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and is employed as a chemist at the DSM Project in Berkeley, such employment beginning April 1, 1943. He is a graduate of the [REDACTED] at Berkeley and did postgraduate work there in spectrography, 1941-1942. He is an American citizen born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED] son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both United States citizens. His wife, [REDACTED], a native-born citizen, is an active Communist. They have no children. Through his activities in the FAECT union local, [REDACTED] came in contact with many of the suspects at the DSM Project and in the Oakland-East Bay Area.

JOHN SCHUYTEN

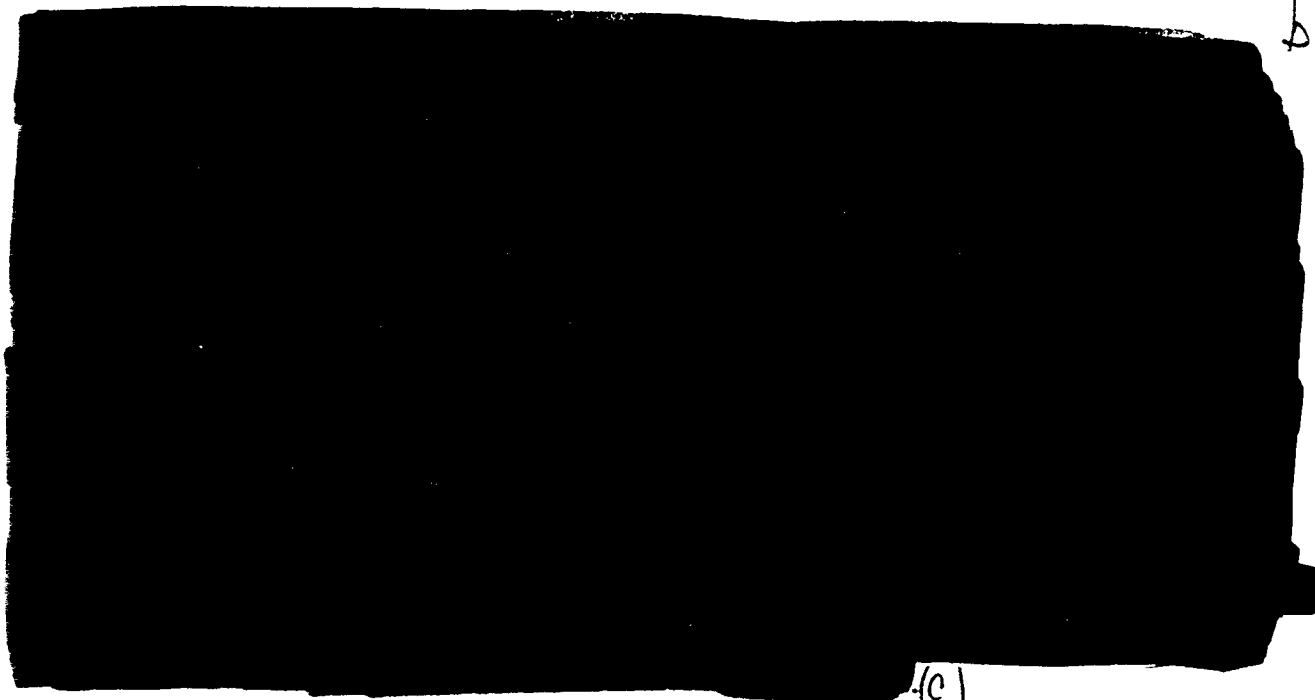
SCHUYTEN resides on Claremont Road, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a metallurgical engineer by the Shell Development Company, Emeryville, California. He is an American citizen born July 17, 1914, at Seattle, Washington, and is married to IREZ SCHUYTEN, an active Communist Party member, who is associated with the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in Oakland. SCHUYTEN is himself a member of the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] SCHUYTEN is Executive Secretary of Chapter 25, FAECT, and in this position is associated with members of the local who are employed at the DSM Project in Berkeley. [REDACTED] b1

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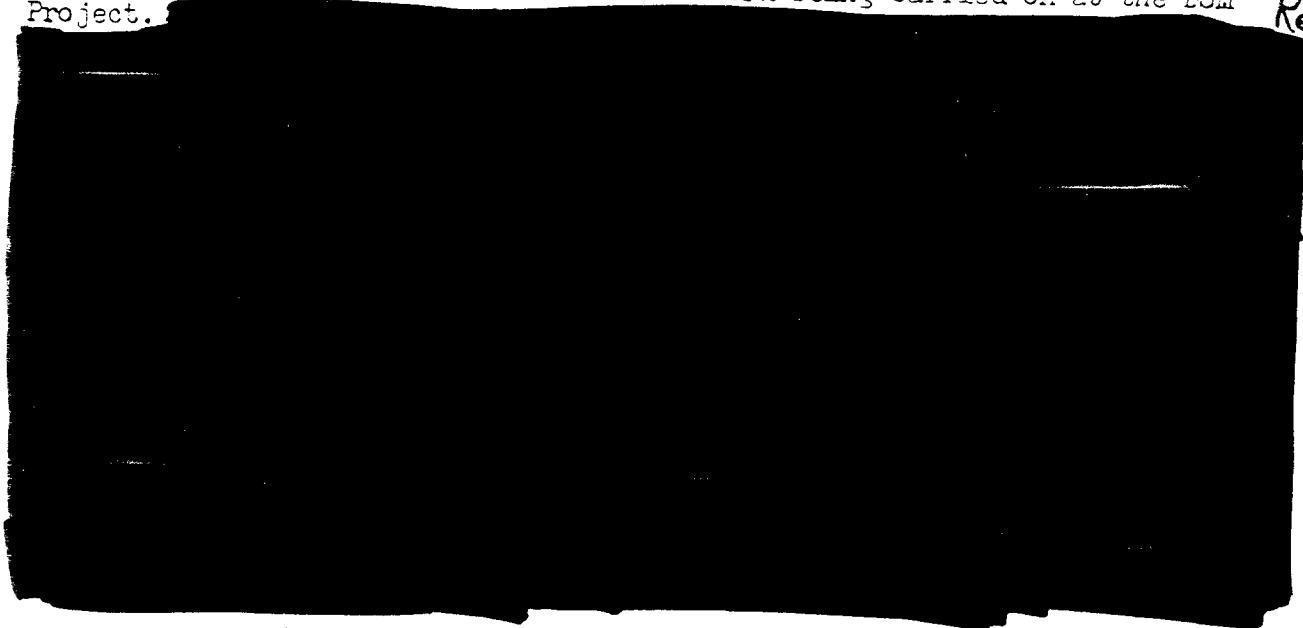
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(OPPENHEIMER had been interviewed several times prior to August 27, 1943, by DSM officers and did not tell of any knowledge on his part of efforts by anyone to obtain information as to the work being carried on at the DSM Project.

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JULIUS ROBERT OPPENHEIMER
alias J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

OPPENHEIMER is presently a physicist at the DSM site in New Mexico. Prior to his transfer there, he resided at #1 Eagle Hill, Berkeley, California and was employed as a research physicist at the Berkeley, California, DSM installation. OPPENHEIMER is one of the key scientists on the DSM Project and probably has access to practically all of the secret information concerning its progress. He is a graduate of Harvard and received a Ph.D. Degree at the University of Gottingen, Germany, in 1927; is a Fellow of the American Physics Society; Fellow of the International Education Board; was professor of theoretical physics, University of Michigan, in 1934; Associate Professor of Physics, University of California at Berkeley, until the time of his employment on the DSM Project. He is married to KATHERINE OPPENHEIMER and they have no children. He and his wife are both American citizens. He was born April 22, 1904, at New York City, and his wife was born August 8, 1910, in Germany and gained derivative citizenship through the naturalization of her father, FRANK PUENING, on February 17, 1922, in Pennsylvania. OPPENHEIMER is not known to be a member of any trade union and, as a matter of fact, reportedly opposed the formation of the branch FAECT local at the Project.

As to his Communist leanings, he has admitted being a member in "practically every known front group," but denied actual Communist membership. (

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OPPENHEIMER admitted to officers of the DSM Project that he was aware of the fact that his brother, FRANK OPPENHEIMER, and FRANK's wife, JACKIE OPPENHEIMER, were former Communists but stated they had severed their connections. He also admitted that his wife, KATHERINE OPPENHEIMER, was at one time a member of the Communist Party.

OPPENHEIMER was known to be carrying on an illicit relationship with Dr. JEAN TATLOCK, a psychiatrist in San Francisco, California, a known member of the Communist Party. TATLOCK was found dead in her apartment in January, 1944, and was adjudged a suicide. OPPENHEIMER was then out of town.

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GEORGE CHARLES ELTENTON

ELTENTON resides at 926 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a chemist at the Shell Development Company Laboratory, 4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, California. He is a British subject, born April 14, 1905, at Manchester, England. He entered the United States at New York on

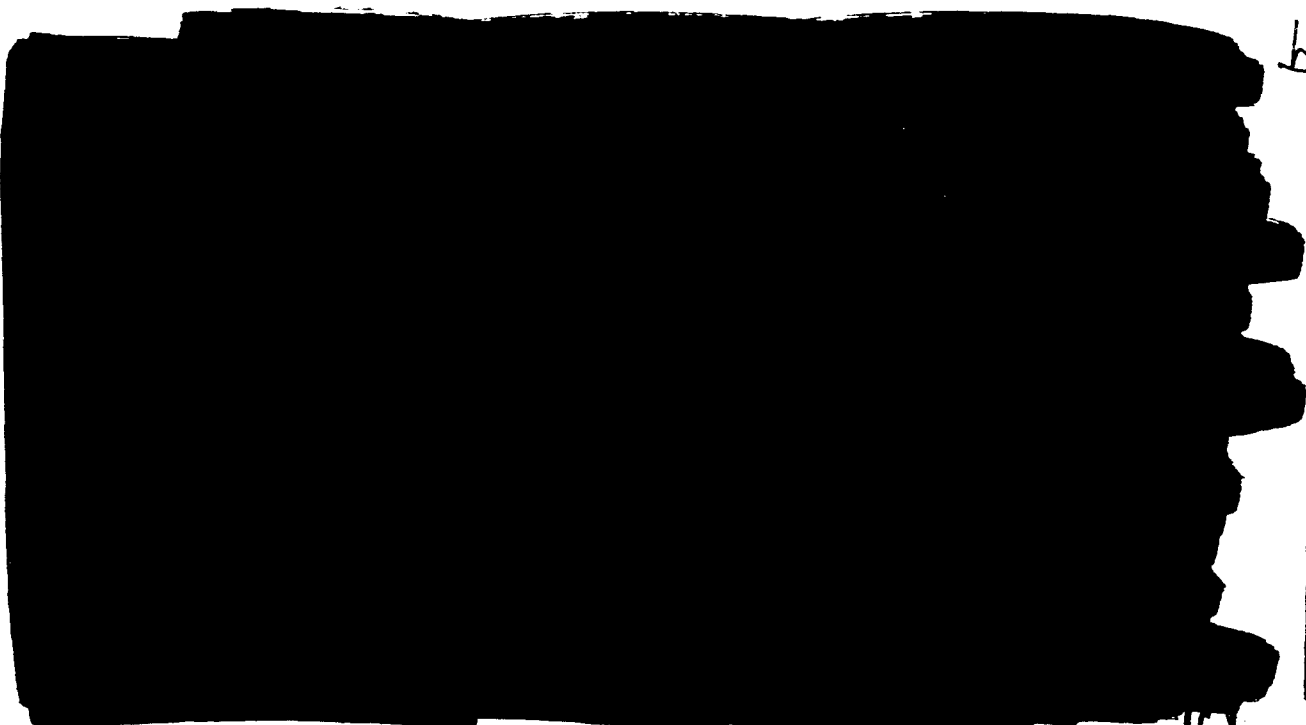
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October 11, 1938, accompanied by his wife and three children, enroute to his present position. His wife, ADA DOROTHEA HAMILTON ELTENTON, was born in England, as were two of their children. The youngest child was born in Russia. ELTENTON did two years postgraduate work at Cambridge University, England, 1927-1929. While at the Technische Hochschule in Vienna on a fellowship from 1929-1930, he was married in Vienna on January 25, 1930. Upon leaving Austria, he was employed with the British Cotton Industry Research Association in Manchester, 1930-1933. From mid-1933 to 1938 he was in Leningrad, Russia, employed as Senior Physicist at the Institute of Chemical Physics. His present employment with the Shell Laboratory began in the fall of 1938, and in 1940 he was active in establishing the FAECT as the union for employees at the Shell Laboratory. He himself joined the FAECT in 1940 and has been moderately active in its affairs and recently completed a history of the local FAECT.

ELTENTON reportedly has a Communistic background from England, but probably due to his alien status, is not officially a member in this country. He is known to support various front organizations and associates closely with known leaders of the Communist Political Association in the San Francisco area.



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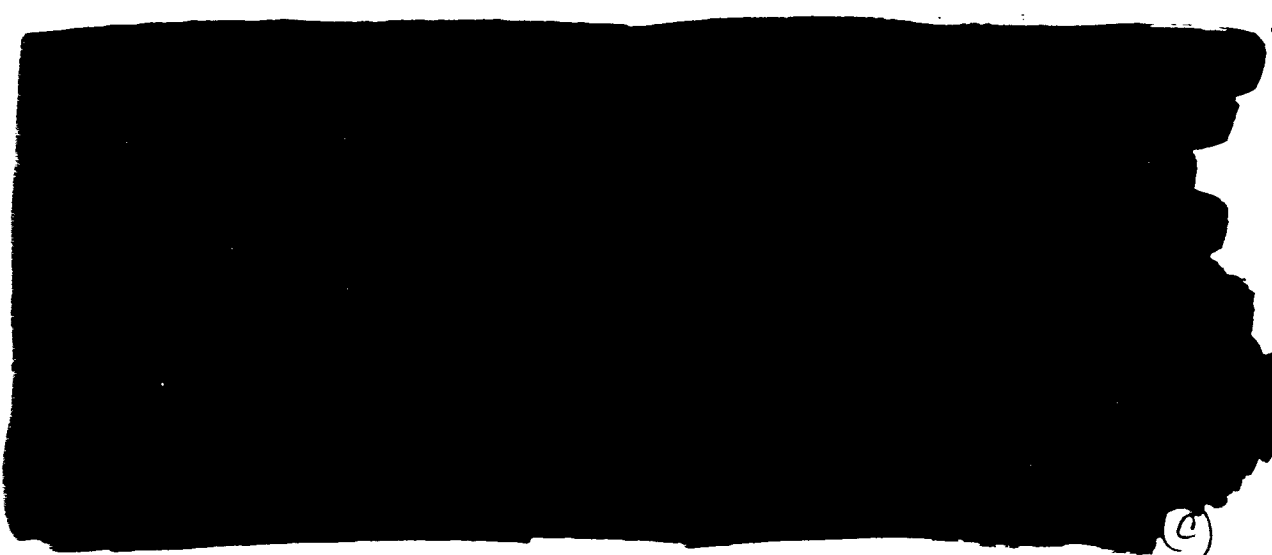
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Chevalier

The reason or purpose of OPPENHEIMER's withholding information as to indications of CHEVALIER's involvement in espionage directed at the Berkeley Project is not known. <It is pointed out as possibly significant, however, that such information was not forthcoming from OPPENHEIMER until December 14, 1943, whereas the latter's possible involvement was known to OPPENHEIMER prior to August 27, 1943, the date he first furnished information concerning ELSTON's involvement.> It may be that OPPENHEIMER hesitated to make disclosures which would focus suspicion on CHEVALIER while the latter was still at the University in Berkeley. CHEVALIER is known to have departed from San Francisco for New York on August 22, 1943, whereas OPPENHEIMER first furnished information concerning ELSTON only on August 27, 1943. It is known that OPPENHEIMER and CHEVALIER were friendly and that their families fraternized socially, and it is further known that correspondence passed between OPPENHEIMER at Berkeley and CHEVALIER at New York and that one letter between them was dated December 3, 1943.

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Barber*

While CHEVALIER's taking of sabbatical leave from the University of California for the school year 1943 - 1944 may have been for the purpose of obscuring in some way the fact he made espionage efforts regarding the DSM Project, it is known that when this move was discussed with OPPENHEIMER by LEO officers, the former stated that CHEVALIER's reason for the move was that he was having serious marital difficulties and was "very broken up" over the situation. It is known that CHEVALIER proceeded to New York alone and took up residence at 43 Fifth Avenue and later moved to an apartment at 52 Jane Street, New York City; that his wife, BARBARA LANSBURGH CHEVALIER, proceeded to Los Angeles and took up residence at 835 North Kings Road in that city.

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Prior to his being directly identified with this case, CHEVALIER had been under investigation by the San Francisco Office for sometime as a Communist. He and his wife were reportedly members of the Communist Party and its successor, the Communist Political Association, and CHEVALIER is considered a leader in the Communist intellectual group. He has been a member of many Communist front organizations such as the American League Against War and Fascism, the Educational Committee of the Communist Party; Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, for which he served as a sponsor. He was a contributor of funds for the support of the PEOPLES WORLD, West Coast Communist organ, and was one-time secretary of this publication, and in 1937 served as president of the alleged Communist organization called Union Teacher. It is alleged that CHEVALIER has claimed credit for organizing the Communists on the campus of the University of California.

Chevalier
HAROLD MAURICE CHEVALIER,
alias "Hoke" Chevalier

CHEVALIER presently resides on the estate of his father-in-law, SIMON LAZARUS LANSBURGH, at Stinson Beach, California, and is an Associate Professor of French at the University of California in Berkeley but now on a sabbatical leave at two-thirds his salary. He is an American citizen born at Lakewood, New Jersey, September 10, 1901, the son of EMIL and THERESA CHEVALIER, the former a lecturer of French birth and the latter a physician of Norwegian birth. A portion of his childhood was devoted to study in France, and he subsequently matriculated at Stanford University, later transferring to the University of California at Berkeley where he received a Ph.D. Degree in 1929; however, his teaching at the latter University began in the spring of 1924 on a teaching fellowship in French, and he has continued on the staff, serving as an Associate Professor since 1927. His former address was 605 Woodmont Street, Berkeley.

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CHEVALIER was married in 1924 to RUTH BOSLEY, whom he divorced in 1931. A son, JACQUES CHEVALIER, was born of this union. This son is a corporal in the United States Army. Later, CHEVALIER married BARBARA LANSBURGH CHEVALIER, daughter of a prominent San Francisco attorney, and has one child by this marriage. While residing in New York, CHEVALIER's activities consisted of writing and making translations for SALVADORE DALI, a French author. During this period he also was particularly interested in obtaining a position with the United States Government and indicated a preference for the Office of Strategic Services, the Office of War Information, or the Allied Military Government of the United States Army. Being unsuccessful in his applications for Government positions, he attempted to secure employment with several publishing houses and TIME Magazine.

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CHEVALIER was reported by the New York Office as having received a letter dated November 27, 1943, from an individual now identified as Professor [REDACTED], in regard to CHEVALIER's efforts to gain employment in the Government service. BRADY suggested he look up [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and should also look up [REDACTED]. The letter also mentioned others he might see as [REDACTED] at Columbia, [REDACTED] formerly with the Rockefeller group, [REDACTED] of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice, and NATHAN SILVERMASTER. All the foregoing are discussed elsewhere. b7

Silvermaster

Investigation conducted by the New York Field Division disclosed that CHEVALIER associated, socially and professionally, with numerous known Communists and others interested in Communist affairs. He was joined on January 22, 1944, by his wife and daughter, who remained with him until leaving New York for California on June 16, 1944. The New York Office has reported that CHEVALIER left New York April 19, 1944, and went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he acted as interpreter in French and Spanish at a conference of the International Labor Office; that he remained in Philadelphia until May 7, 1944, during a portion of which time he lived with MILTON V. LEOF at 322 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, and was a frequent companion of EDOUARD RODITI. The New York Office had information prior to CHEVALIER's departure for Philadelphia that a New York lawyer active in Communist affairs, LEON BOUDIN, had inquired of CHEVALIER concerning the whereabouts of NICK, or NICK, LEOF, concerning whom CHEVALIER had no information and who, BOUDIN indicated, was to go to Philadelphia concerning "BRIDGES," believed to possibly refer to HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast labor leader and Communist. Surveillance of CHEVALIER by the Philadelphia Office failed to disclose any contact by him with anyone named BRIDGE and no information was disclosed which would further indicate the BRIDGES of interest to BOUDIN. (u)

During the conference of the International Labor Office held in Philadelphia, CHEVALIER translated a speech given there by VINCENTE LOMBARDI TOLEDANO, Mexican labor leader. Also of interest was the fact that CHEVALIER attended a dinner in the home of MILTON V. LEOF, and that also present was LUCIEN MIDOL, former member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France. (u)

Bransten

During the period since he returned from New York, CHEVALIER has spent considerable time at the LANSBURGH estate, continuing his literary efforts and has made only occasional trips to surrounding areas. The New York Office reported CHEVALIER while in their territory as having been known to associate with LOUISE BRANSTEN there. It is also known that prior (u)

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to their being in New York, CHEVALIER and BRANSTEN had associated together, probably in connection with Communist affairs, in the San Francisco area.

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[REDACTED] CHEVALIER is known to correspond with VLADIMIR POESNER, a suspect in this case residing in the Los Angeles area. The Los Angeles Office has reported that in August and September, 1944, while on a trip to Los Angeles, CHEVALIER, his wife and daughter, stayed at VLADIMIR POESNER's home. (u)

[REDACTED] alias b7c

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED], a practicing physician, and his three-year old son [REDACTED] is an American citizen by naturalization, and was born [REDACTED] at Posen, Germany, under the name [REDACTED] of Jewish parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], now residing at [REDACTED]. He completed elementary and high school at [REDACTED] in 1928 and also studied at the [REDACTED] Germany, for one year. He entered the United States April 10, 1934, at New York and for a time was employed as a longshoreman and laborer. Following this he was employed as assistant office manager with the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. This employment was terminated in 1937 in order that he might continue his studies in physics. In August, 1938, he entered the Graduate School of the University of [REDACTED] with a teaching fellowship in physics. He served as an assistant in physics until he received his Ph.D. Degree on May 22, 1942. Also, during the summer months from 1937 to 1940 he was part-time bookkeeper at the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is an alleged Communist, and during his attendance at the University of [REDACTED] was a member of the Graduate Students Union. Other organizations in which he has been active include the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Science for Victory Committee. His wife is reportedly a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association of Alameda County, California. His sister, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in San Francisco and wife of [REDACTED], American-born Jew now in the army, is a known Communist. [REDACTED] is employed as a b7c

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physicist at the DSM Project, and was a member of the FAECT local there and served as a member of its Executive Committee.

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It will be noted that J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER has mentioned [REDACTED] b as dangerous to the DSM Project and is known to have described him as "quite a red" whose actions were unpredictable and whose background was filled with incidents which would indicate his tendency toward "direct action." His background includes reports to the effect that when the Nazi Party assumed power in Germany in 1933, [REDACTED] b7c was arrested and put into a concentration camp at Danneberg, Nuremberg, Germany because of his Jewish origin and activities with Communist groups; that through influence with local police officials he was released in 1933 and migrated to England where he resided until his entrance into the United States April 10, 1934. b

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b is known to have attended a social gathering in San Francisco sponsored by LOUISE BRANSTEN for the benefit of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at which BRANSTEN and GREGORI KHEIFETS were among the hundred guests present. Other associates of [REDACTED] include SAIDMAN and FRANK COLLINS, JEROME R. VINOGRAD, DAVID HEDLEY, CARL WINTER, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED], [REDACTED], of the Hebrew race; entered the United States at New York City November 21, 1934; and was granted American citizenship at San Francisco on February 3, 1941. She is a known member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party and has been used by STEVE NELSON and BERNADETTE DOYLE in liaison between the Communist Party and the doctors' and nurses' group of the Professional Section. (S)(u)

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Inasmuch as OPPENHEIMER declined to identify the professors who had been approached for information concerning the DSM Project, and believing that such approach would have been made only to individuals who were Communists or sympathetic with the movement, consideration was given to the possibility that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] might be suspects in this connection. b7

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a Professor of Economics at the University of California and has acted as an instructor at the Tom Mooney Labor School. He and his wife, [REDACTED], former business manager of the magazine [REDACTED] and an OPA official, have associated closely with Communist activities for a number of years and may be members at the present time. Their residence is at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is known to have been an intimate friend of HAAKON CHEVALIER and as stated above, advised CHEVALIER as to persons he should contact in connection with his efforts to obtain a position with the Government. These persons were indicated by [REDACTED] to be liberals in Government circles with whom [REDACTED] had some influence and who would be safe for CHEVALIER to approach. b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nothing further was disclosed which would indicate that [REDACTED] was, in fact, one of the professors approached by ELTENTON or CHEVALIER. (S)(u) b7c

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[REDACTED] was given consideration as possibly one of the professors approached, in that he was known as a member of the Young Communist League in Berkeley while a student at the University of [REDACTED] but his Communist membership of recent years has not been established. He holds an A. B. Degree from [REDACTED] awarded in 1934, and a Master's Degree from the University of [REDACTED] awarded in 1940. In the years 1938-1940 he was a student and teaching assistant at the University of [REDACTED]. From 1940-1942 he was an instructor in mechanical engineering at the [REDACTED]. He returned to the University of [REDACTED] in 1942 and since that time has been employed on a National Research Council project at the [REDACTED] giving advanced instructions in underwater welding.

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and has been known to hold the following positions: actuary with the [REDACTED] 1934-1935; during part of 1935-1937 he worked as an arc welder. In 1937 he was employed by the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. In 1938 he made a European trip, visiting Russia, France, and possibly England and Turkey. He has been associated with the Science for Victory Committee. [REDACTED] Ref

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Professor ALEXANDER KAUN had, prior to his death on June 22, 1944, at Berkeley, California, been given consideration as being possibly one of the professors approached for information concerning the DSM Project. He was allegedly a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party and was a sponsor and supporter of many Communist front groups in the San Francisco area. Moreover, he was a teacher at the Tom Mooney Labor School, and an endorser of the Committee for Citizenship Rights which was organized to assist WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California State Communist Secretary, in the latter's efforts to retain his United States citizenship. He had received press notices in the PEOPLES WORLD for his speeches on Russian culture, and it is known that he attended a social function held April 2, 1944, at the Russian Consulate in San Francisco. He was a member of the board of the American-Russian Institute, and on February 9, 1940, in a speech before a group of its members, allegedly referred to the overthrow of the imperialistic governments after which people would improve and develop their natural qualities. He was also known to associate with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] (c) b1

ALEXANDER SAMUEL KAUN,
alias Samuel Cahn

KAUN was residing at 1431 Leroy Avenue, Berkeley, California, at the time of his death and was employed as a Professor of Slavic Languages at the University of California for over eighteen years. He was an American citizen by naturalization on February 26, 1915, at Chicago, Illinois. KAUN was born either October 30, 1837, October 30, 1839, or November 11, 1839, at Dmitrovka, Russia, and arrived in the United States January 24, 1909. He was married on January 20, 1916, to VALERIA GRETCHEN TRACERVILLE (possibly TRACEWELL) in Chicago, Illinois.

KAUN was reportedly visited at the University of California by [REDACTED], suspect in this case, who at that time was reportedly accompanied by three Russians. The informant advised that [REDACTED] was believed recognized as an individual who had been on the University campus on a previous occasion with men in uniform, possibly Russians. [REDACTED] b7c

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Among his known associates not previously mentioned were
veteran Communist, LOUISE BRANSTEN, and BERNADETTE DOYLE. (c)

A former Russian professor at the University of California informed that KAUN's true name was SAMUEL KAGAN; that in 1910 the anti-Tsarist element published a newspaper called "L'Avenir" which contained a photograph and biographical sketch of KAGAN, the biography and photograph being recognizable as KAUN's; that KAGAN, after being tortured by the Tsarist police, became an informant for them, and this was cited by the informant to be the usual tactics of the OGPU in order to obtain assistance from sub-agents in America. Biographical information concerning KAUN tallies sufficiently with the information on KAGAN to indicate he may have been identical with KAGAN.

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There follows a list of persons who have been frequently mentioned as possible suspects in espionage directed at the Berkeley DSM Project, together with the names and brief background concerning other individuals who might be considered suspects in this same connection.

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CHARLES NOEL BARTLETT, alias
Noel Bartlett, Charles Noel
Nielsen

BARTLETT, commonly called NOEL BARTLETT, resided until recently at 148-A Tunnel Road, Berkeley, California. He is an American citizen born December 24, 1913, at Los Angeles, California, the son of Iowa-born ARTHUR H. NIELSEN and VIRGINIA STIVERS NIELSEN, native citizen. He assumed the name BARTLETT at about the age of seven when his mother married LAMIER BARTLETT, native-born American. After graduation from high school in Los Angeles in 1932, his employment record includes positions at the National Radio School until 1933; from 1936-1940, probably employed as dental technician for ALEX HURAL at Los Angeles; from 1940-1942, employed by the Perry Sound Laboratory in Los Angeles as radio technician. From May to July of 1942, he was employed at the Leach Relay Company in Los Angeles and left there to accept employment with the DSM Project at Berkeley. He continued in his employment there until June 10, 1944, when he was discharged. Upon being released from the Project, he was classified 1-A by his Selective Service Board and apparently immediately enrolled as a seaman in the U. S. Maritime Service, and his last-known station was at Hoffman Island, Staten Island, New York. He was active in the FAECT and held positions of steward and vice president. He is a known Communist and a supporter of many Communist front organizations. On October 10, 1943, a cocktail party was held at his home honoring JOSEPH NORTH, editor of the NEW MASSES. This was attended by leading Communists in the Alameda County area, including STEVE NELSON and BERNADETTE DOYLE. A party in honor of Professor RALPH GUNDLACH was held in the BARTLETT home February 27, 1944, under the auspices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. BARTLETT was in frequent contact with practically all the suspects in this case, including WEINBERG, NELSON, and BERNADETTE DOYLE. (X)

MARY MARGARET BARTLETT, nee
Mary Margaret Roach, alias
Mrs. Charles Noel Bartlett, Margot
Bartlett, Mrs. Noel Bartlett, Margot
Roche

The above is commonly known as MARGOT BARTLETT. She resides at 148-A Tunnel Road, Berkeley, California. She is an American citizen 31 years of age born in Alabama and is the wife of CHARLES NOEL BARTLETT, above. She was formerly employed as a stenographer until November, 1942, when she married BARTLETT and moved to Berkeley, California. She is a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association and is office

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secretary of the FAECT in Oakland. Like her husband, she associates with many known Communists, some of whom are principal suspects in this case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED], reside at [REDACTED]. He operates a firm called [REDACTED], and is assisted in its operation by his wife. Both are native-born citizens, and [REDACTED] is a licensed wireless operator and radio technician and electrician, and is reportedly a member of Local 9 of the American Communications Association. Both have been identified as Communists. [REDACTED], after eight years as radio operator on ships of the American President Lines, has been excluded from ships of the United States Merchant Marine by order of the Secretary of the Navy.

[REDACTED] is a professional photographer and has been employed as a laboratory technician. She was formerly an employee of the DSM Project at Berkeley and is of interest herein because of her apparent close personal acquaintance with LOUISE BRANSTEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (C)

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is a student in the Medical School at the University of [REDACTED]. She is an American citizen born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] of Russian emigre parents. In August, 1939, she married [REDACTED] in Mexico City. He was born in the [REDACTED], entered the United States in 1933 and became an American citizen by naturalization in December, 1943. He is presently overseas with the [REDACTED] and has the address [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is not known to be a member of any union and has been employed as a teaching assistant in zoology at the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] University of [REDACTED], and the [REDACTED] at Los Angeles. She was identified by the Los Angeles Office as a Communist and transferred as a Communist to the San Francisco area.

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She may be considered a suspect in that while residing in Los Angeles she corresponded regularly with SHERNA VINOGRAD and at the present time associates closely with JEROME and SHERNA VINOGRAD at their home. It is noted that she and [REDACTED] and SHERNA VINOGRAD were students at Stanford during the same period. It is also reported by the Los Angeles Office that she and her husband are close friends of JORIS IVENS and that the latter resided with the [REDACTED] for a time in Los Angeles. It is also known that [REDACTED] is an associate of MARTIN DAVID KAMEN and may be carrying on an illicit love affair with his roommate, [REDACTED] student under the army program at the University of California. b7c

CHARLES WILLIAM DICKENSON,
alias Charley Dickenson

DICKENSON resides on a ranch at Moraga, California, and has resided in the San Francisco-East Bay Area since 1920, except for a brief period of about six months when he was in Houston, Texas. He is an American citizen born October 23 sometime between 1896 and 1902, at Madison, Tennessee. He was married to and divorced from MARGARET DICKENSON, by whom he had one child, [REDACTED]. On April 6, 1943, he married ALICE M. SERA, an American-born Japanese, at Houston, Texas. In September, 1943, she went to New York City where she took up residence with [REDACTED], an American-born Japanese and known Communist. In making an application for employment, DICKENSON stated his wife was an orphan and the names of her parents were unknown to him. In another application, he stated his mother-in-law was U. SERA, Chicago, Illinois. It is known that his wife's parents migrated from Japan a number of years ago and presently reside in the United States. During World War I DICKENSON was a machinist's mate 1/c in the United States Navy. He entered Stanford University in 1922, majored in electrical engineering, and received a B.A. Degree in 1926. He later studied law at Stanford from 1926 to 1928 but did not obtain a degree. He is a member of Post #5 of the American Legion. His employment background includes work as an electrician in his own firm, farming his own ranch at Moraga, California, employment with the United Engineering Company at Alameda, California, and as a machinist with the Houston Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas, in December, 1943. b7c

He applied for a position at the DSM Project in Berkeley, California, but was not accepted. He is not known to be a member of any union. He is known to have corresponded with STEVE NELSON during his employment in Houston, Texas, and to have associated with NELSON upon his return to the San Francisco-East Bay Area. He is believed to be definitely established as a Communist and is known to have associated with many Communists in the San Francisco

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area other than NELSON, among whom were [REDACTED], KENNETH MAY, and [REDACTED]. He and his wife are on friendly terms with [REDACTED], known Communists in the New York area. b7c /

RUTH MCGOVNEY MAY,
alias Ruth McGovney

Mrs. MAY resides at 2247 College Avenue, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a clerk by the Western Die Casting Company, Emeryville, California. She is an American citizen born at Bloomington, Indiana, November 12, 1906. She is the daughter of Professor D. O. MCGOVNEY and LAURA WOOD MCGOVNEY who reside at Berkeley, California, where her father is employed as a Professor at the University of California. She is the former wife of KENNETH MAY, who at one time was the Organizer for the Communist Party in Alameda County, California, which is the position presently held by STEVE NELSON. They were married in London, England, in July of 1938. Mrs. MAY brought suit for divorce in the Alameda County courts in May, 1942, charging grievous mental suffering. An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted in June, 1942.

Mrs. MAY was educated at the University of Iowa and at the University of California, Berkeley, receiving an M. A. Degree from the latter institution in 1936. From August, 1939, until June, 1941, Mrs. MAY was employed as a language instructor by the Oakland Board of Education, Oakland, California. She was active with Local 349 of the American Federation of Teachers and in 1938 was Vice-President of this Local. Since June, 1941, she has been employed by the Western Die Casting Company, Emeryville, California. She is a member of Local 1798 of the United Steel Workers of America, and in March, 1944, it was reported that she had been elected an Executive Board member of the Alameda County CIO Council. She has indicated that she expects to take a position with the State Research Department of the CIO under PAUL PINSKY in the very near future.

Mrs. MAY is a member of the Communist Party and has been very active in Communist affairs. In 1943 she was a member of the Resolutions Committee for the Alameda Convention of the Communist Party. She was reported to be a member of the American League Against War and Fascism and of the American Friends of the Soviet Union. In her Communist activities she has close contact with STEVE NELSON, BERNADETTE DOYLE, KARL KAHN, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She is a close associate of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b-

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Mrs. MAY has reportedly resided in the Soviet Union and studied the Russian language. She has expressed herself as being a strong believer in the Communist cause. b

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Dr. CHARLES LESLIE COLLINS, alias
A. Collins, Les Collins

COLLINS resides at 661 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a physician on the staff of Permanente Field Hospital, Richmond, California. He is an American citizen born January 19, 1908, at Camden, New Jersey. He is married to HAZEL DEAN COLLINS and they have an adopted child of pre-school age named [REDACTED] HAZEL COLLINS b7c
[REDACTED] is an active Communist and held the position of Branch Membership Director. COLLINS is a Communist and registered in the California State Primary Voters' Registrations in 1936-1938 as a Communist. At the present time he is either the Organizer or Membership Director for a Professional Branch of the Communist Political Association in Alameda County. As far as is known, COLLINS is not a member of any union organization, but in 1939 when employed by the Agricultural Workers Medical and Health Association at Fresno, California, he was president pro tem of the United Federal Workers of America, CIO, local at Fresno.

It will be noted above that COLLINS was observed by investigators of the Special C.I.C. Detachment of MED to leave the residence of [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] on October 24, 1943, carrying numerous papers, the contents of which could not be determined. Since that date, he has been observed in the company of STEVE NELSON and BERNADETTE DOYLE on a number of occasions. He is also known to associate with many other persons mentioned herein including [REDACTED] and DAVID JENKINS. It is known that Dr. and Mrs. COLLINS are friendly with VLADIMIR POESNER of Los Angeles, a suspect in this case, and it is known that correspondence has passed between the COLLINSES and POESNER. [REDACTED] (C) b1

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FRANK CHARLES COLLINS,
alias Francis C. Collins

FRANK COLLINS resides at 5831 Oceanview Drive, Oakland, California, with his wife, SANDRA FIELDS COLLINS, and they have an infant son. COLLINS is employed as a junior chemist at the Shell Development Company Laboratory, Emeryville, California. He is an American citizen by naturalization at Marin County, California, January 30, 1938. He was born in New Zealand September 3, 1911, arrived in the United States at San Francisco September 14, 1923. He is vice president of Local 25 of the FAECT and is a member of the Executive Council of this Local. He and his wife are very active Communists.

That Collins and his wife are closely associated with many of the suspects in this case is disclosed by reports to the San Francisco Office by confidential informants concerning their activities. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b1

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SANDRA FIELDS COLLINS, alias
Mrs. Frank Charles Collins, Saundra
Collins, Saundra Fields, Sadie
Feldman, Sofia Feldman, Barbara Wallace

SANDRA COLLINS resides at 5831 Oceanview Drive, Oakland, California with her husband, FRANK CHARLES COLLINS, and their infant son. She is an American citizen by naturalization at Detroit, Michigan, in June, 1938. She was born in Manitoba, Canada, November 15, 1913, her parents being LOU and MOLLY FIELDS, both Jewish and now residing at 2541 Monterey, Oakland, California. It is indicated the family name was originally FELDMAN. She was secretary of the Science for Victory Committee in the San Francisco Bay Area and was quite active in this organization.

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STEVE NELSON, alias
Steve Joseph (H) Nelson, Stephan
Mesarosh, Steve J. Mesarosh, Joseph
Fleischinger, Louis Evans, "Hugo"

NELSON resides at 425 Taurus Avenue, Oakland, California, with his wife MARGARET YAEGER NELSON and their two small children. At the inception of this case, he resided at 3720 Grove Street, Oakland, California. He is employed as President of the Alameda County Communist Political Association, 1723 Webster Street, Oakland, California. He is an American citizen by naturalization at Detroit, Michigan, on November 26, 1928. He was born January 9, 1903, in Yugoslavia, of Jewish parents, and arrived in the United States at the Port of New York June 14, 1920, such entry being illegal and fraudulent and made under the name of JOSEPH FLEISCHINGER. This entry was legalized by order of the Immigration Service November 21, 1922. Although not a member of any labor union, NELSON nevertheless exerts considerable influence in various locals of the CIO and AFL unions through Communists in official positions in these locals.

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NELSON's local and national importance in the several parallels of the Comintern apparatus is attested to by the character of his associates as well as his varied activities within the Apparatus over a period of years. He is shown as engaging in military and industrial espionage; to be active in political and Governmental aspects of the Apparatus; and is further shown as active in the gathering and dissemination of propaganda favorable to the Soviet Union.

NELSON's long activities as a Communist and his possible international importance to the Comintern Apparatus are indicated in the following background information developed concerning him:

He admittedly has been a Communist since 1923, and he is on the National Committee of the Communist Political Association. [REDACTED] b3

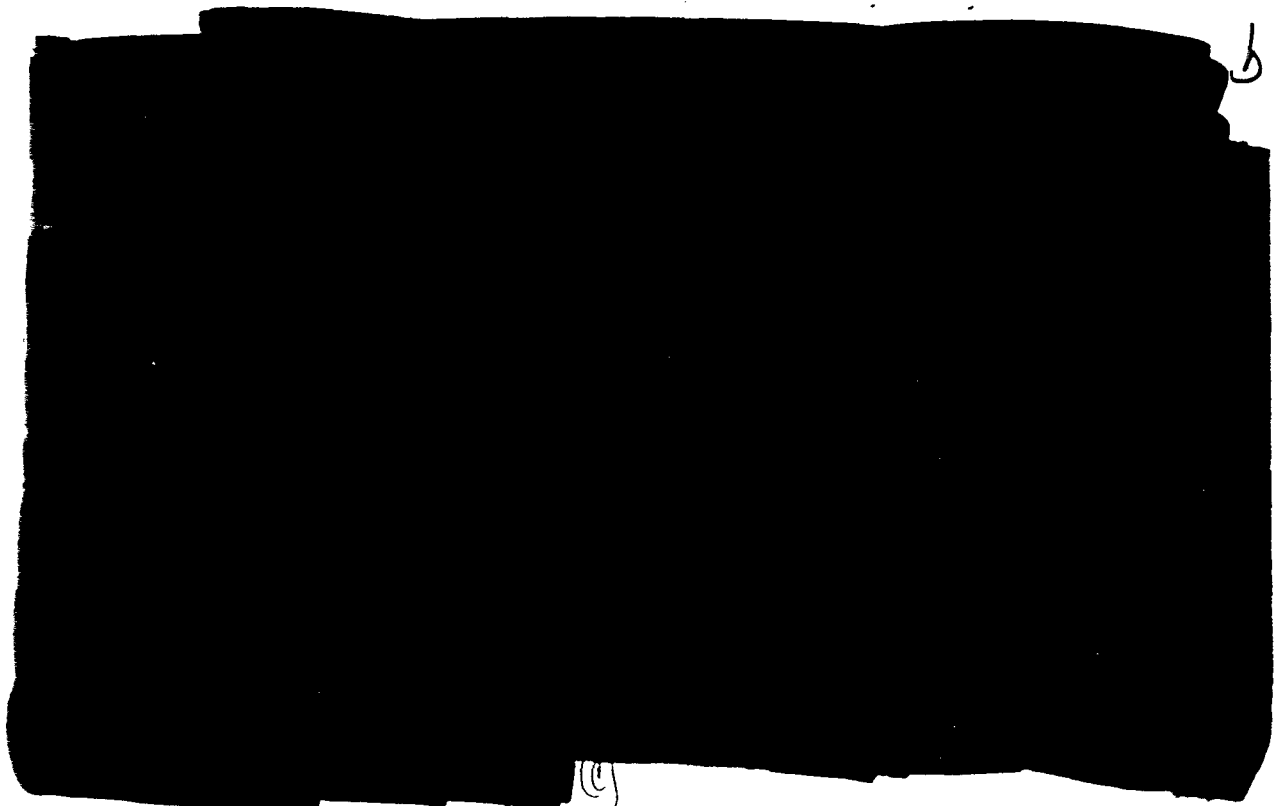
[REDACTED] He admittedly attended the Lenin School in Moscow in 1930. Sometime during 1930 he became organizer of the Unemployed Councils in Chicago and was head of the Trade Union Unity League for that district, and was arrested in Chicago in 1930 along with HAROLD WILLIAMS, a negro leader, and others, in connection with an unemployment demonstration. After being held four days he was freed as a result of a protest movement.

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In August, 1931, he applied for a United States passport. Although at that time an American citizen by naturalization at Detroit under the name of STEPHAN MESAROSH, he wilfully furnished fictitious information in his application to the effect that he was born in Rankin, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1903, the son of OTTO NELSON, Swedish-born immigrant who died in 1907. He stated he was visiting Germany to study building construction. In July, 1933, NELSON filed with the American Consul at Vienna, Austria, an application for a two-year renewal of his passport, stating that he had resided in Russia from September 15, 1931, to May 5, 1933, and had resided in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria from May 5, 1933, to July 24, 1933. He gave as his reason for requesting a renewal of his passport that he was to be engaged in business and travel. b7c

(KENNETH MAY and [REDACTED] were told by NELSON on January 8, 1944, that he was in China for three months in 1933 and worked with the Comintern in Shanghai; at that time ARTHUR EWERT, a German Comrade and well-known Comintern agent, was also there; and that EWERT is now serving in jail in South America.

Nelson in China - 1933

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An article by JOSEPH NORTH, datelined at Valencia, Spain, carried in the DAILY WORKER issue of November 10, 1937, described the Political Commissars - which was the position held in Spain by NELSON - as "watch dogs of the Peoples Front (who) guarded tirelessly against possible treachery by officers of the former army."

NELSON reportedly was one of the associate leaders in 1938 of the American League for Peace and Democracy in New York City. On September 2, 1940, NELSON, together with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, participated in a discussion at Chicago concerning the then few-days-old Soviet-Nazi pact, and such discussion brought forth the statements that the pact was not a betrayal but a "consistent pursuit of the peace policy of the Soviet Union." NELSON reportedly is a graduate of the National Training School of the Communist Party held at Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, in 1940, and there received training in all phases of strike organization and conduct, work in organizations opposed to the Communist Party, and work in the armed forces of this country and military tactics. NELSON was slated to be an instructor at a school to open about the middle of May, 1940, which would be conducted by the Communist Party, to be attended by about 1500 selected Party members

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who had received instructions in Communist theory and practice as well as methods of working within armed forces; and afterward, they would be sent separately to gain admittance to the armed forces of the United States.

George
NELSON arrived in the San Francisco area sometime in 1940 and at that time was reportedly active in a peace movement on the waterfront, meeting with WALTER LAMBERT regarding this activity. In December, 1940, his influence regarding the PEOPLES WORLD newspaper was indicated in that he requested HARRISON GEORGE, the editor, to print more information concerning Sir WALTER CITRINE, the British labor leader. Also in December, 1940, NELSON reportedly conferred with [REDACTED] at the United American-Spanish Aid Committee, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, and instructed [REDACTED] to proceed to Los Angeles for the purpose of collecting money for the Communist Party, NELSON stating that MELVYN DOUGLAS might still be sympathetic and that CHARLES CHAPLIN and DOROTHY PARKER should be solicited. (S)(u)

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ANONYMOUS RUSSIAN LETTER RECEIVED AT THE BUREAU

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There was received by the Bureau on August 7, 1943, an anonymous letter in the Russian language postmarked 2:00 a.m. August 7, 1943, bearing no postage, and addressed merely "FBI - Important." Efforts to identify the writer have so far resulted negatively.

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The allegations contained in the anonymous Russian letter have been well supported. [REDACTED] b1

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MARTIN DAVID KAMEN, alias
Martin David Kamenetsky

Kamen
KAMEN resides at 2701 Buena Vista Avenue, Berkeley, California, and is presently employed as a test engineer at Richmond Shipyard #4, Richmond, California. He gained American citizenship derivatively through the naturalization of his father, HARRY KAMEN, in Chicago in 1915, whose name was legally changed from AARON KAMENETSKY. KAMEN's father was Jewish, born in Russia in 1884. His mother is deceased. KAMEN's parents migrated to Toronto, Canada, where KAMEN was born August 27, 1913. He entered the United States December 1, 1913, at Detroit, Michigan. He is separated from ESTHER HUDSON KAMEN and recently was living in marital relationship with [REDACTED] but this was terminated in July, 1944, when she suffered a nervous breakdown. KAMEN was awarded B. S. and PH.D. Degrees by the University of Chicago, and after about August, 1942, was a research associate at the Radiation Laboratory. Prior to that time he had been on the faculty at the University of California, Berkeley. KAMEN was employed on highly confidential experimentation at the DSM Project and was discharged from his position there July 12, 1944, for being indiscreet in the matter of retaining the secrecy of the Project. While at the DSM Project he was carried on the rolls of the FAECT local there but was not known to be active in union affairs. b7c

He is alleged to be a Communist, but definite information as to his affiliation has not been established. However, he allegedly once stated that he had been a Communist all his life, and it is known that while at the University of Chicago he was a member of the American Student Union. It is further known that prior to the invasion of Russia and while at the DSM Project, KAMEN denounced the war as capitalistic. KAMEN is a musician of considerable ability and has taken part in the entertainment at various functions sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. He is known to associate with various Communists in the San Francisco-East Bay Area, many of whom are of interest in this investigation, including HARRY BRIDGES, HERBERT RESNER, LOUISE FRANSTEN, SOLOMON ISAAC STERN, [REDACTED] b7c, RALPH GUNDLACH, and DAVID ADELSON. Through musical circles he associates with BORIS and NAOMI BLINDER and Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], both Communists. At the DSM Project he was in association with JOSEPH WEINBERG, [REDACTED] and others. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] is single and resides at [REDACTED] California. He is presently employed as a longshoreman in the San Francisco Bay Area, but formerly was employed at the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley with the Guggenheim Foundation, and he was also affiliated with the FILNEY HOWELL Cancer Foundation. Upon completion of assigned work with the latter Foundation, he was then engaged at the University of California under a contract h.e.d with the United States Government for the Office of Scientific Research and Development. This employment was terminated in April, 1944. He was known to be a member of the FAECT and in 1943 served on the Executive Committee of Chapter 25 of this Union. In addition, he is known to have been a member of and active in the Science for Victory Committee. He is an American citizen born in New York City June 2, 1907, the son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both born in Russia. [REDACTED] is allegedly a Communist, although specific proof of this has not been obtained. However, he is definitely a Communist sympathizer and a supporter of many of its front organization.

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RALPH HAVEISON GUNDLACH,
alias Ralph Dlach

GUNDLACH presently resides at 226 - 33rd Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington, and is an associate psychology professor at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. He previously resided at 1890 Arch Street and at 2623 Le Conte Avenue, both Berkeley, California, and was a psychology professor at the University of California, Berkeley, California, from January, 1942, until July, 1944. Following this he was a consultant at the California Labor School in San Francisco. He is the author of "Psychology and Race Prejudice." GUNDLACH holds B.A. and M.A. Degrees from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. Degree from the University of Illinois; has instructed in psychology at the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles. He is an American citizen, born June 17, 1902, at Kansas City, Missouri, of American-born parents. He and his wife, BONNIE GUNDLACH, are alleged Communists and are known to support many Communist front organizations. He reportedly was active in the Science for Victory Committee and is known to have addressed the University of California local of the FAECT on November 3, 1943, his topic being "Scientists and Trade Unions."

GUNDLACH and his wife are known associates of many of the suspects in this case, particularly those who were employed at the DSM Project. They are also known to associate with STEVE NELSON, [REDACTED], PAUL PINSKY, HARRY BRIDGES, and the latter's paramour, [REDACTED] b1/b7c

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The New York Office advised that GUNDLACH's name and address appeared in HAAKON CHEVALIER's diary. [REDACTED] b1

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Mrs. RALPH HAVELSON GUNDLACH,
alias Bonnie Bird Gundlach

BONNIE GUNDLACH resides with her husband at 226 - 33rd Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington. Her present occupation is unknown, but for a time in San Francisco she was employed in the Office of Price Administration. She also was a dancing instructor at the Tom Mooney (now the California) Labor School. She is an American citizen, born May 17, 1914, at Portland, Oregon; is an alleged Communist, and has been indicated as active in the American Youth for Democracy while in the San Francisco-East Bay Area.

In August, 1943, BONNIE GUNDLACH was active in obtaining signatures to be sent to the Federation of Organizations to Aid Spanish Refugees (FOARE) in Mexico, and she informed MARION OWENS, of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at San Francisco, that she had already obtained the signatures of HARRY BRIDGES and RICHARD LYNDEN, both Communists and officials of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union at San Francisco. She asked OWENS to inform LOUISE BRANSTEN of this and said the latter could get signatures of many more "big shots." It is known

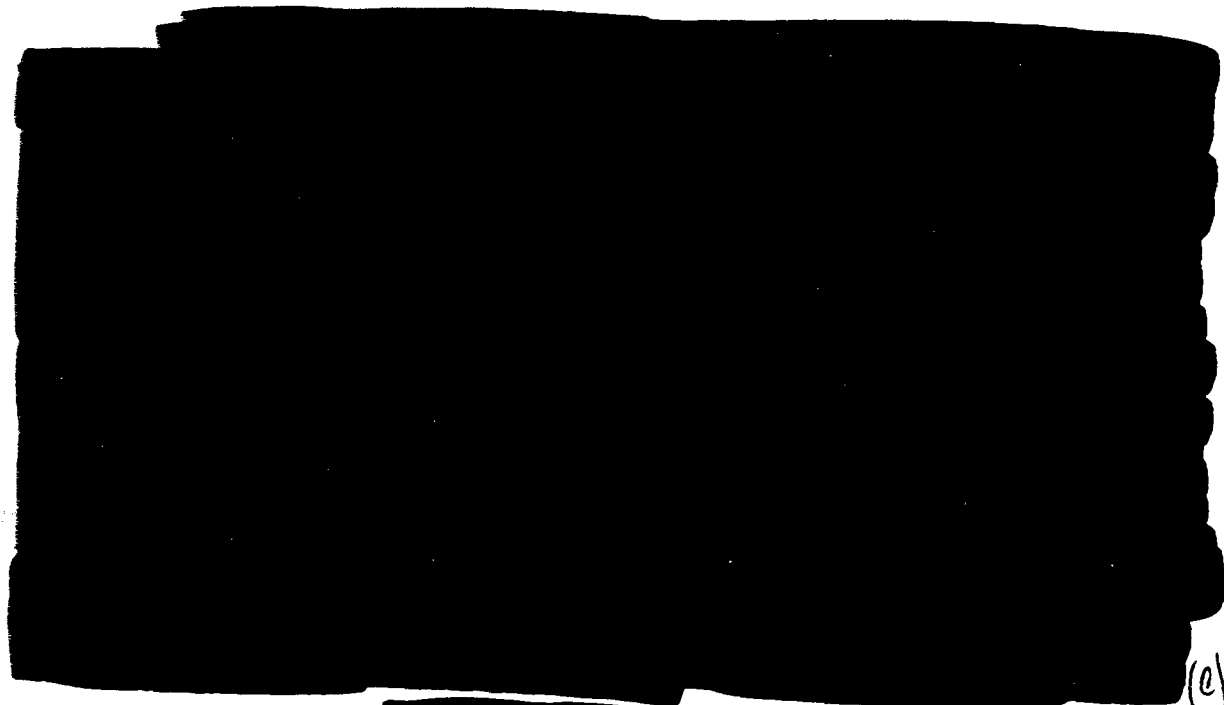
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that BONNIE GUNDLACH and her husband attended the convention of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in Mexico City which was held from August 21 to August 23, 1943. It is not known whether RALPH GUNDLACH was sponsored for this trip, but it is known, however, that BONNIE's passage was paid by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at San Francisco, and that MARION OWENS showed an entry in the organization's records to the effect that the money paid for the ticket was "a loan to a delegate from the CIO"; and stated the loan would be paid back from collections for speeches made by the delegate. There is no indication that BONNIE made speeches when she returned, but it is known that RALPH GUNDLACH made speaking appearances before several groups after returning from Mexico.



In regard to [redacted], whom [redacted] was to visit in New York City, the New York Office advises [redacted] was visited by HAAKON CHEVALIER in November, 1943, and that CHEVALIER was in correspondence with [redacted].

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JEROME RUBIN VINOGRAD, alias
Jerome Maxim Vinograd, Jerome
Maxim Rubin, Jerome Lewis, Jerome
Vinegrad, George Vinegrad

VINOGRAD resides at 301 Panoramic Way, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a research chemist in the Colloid Chemistry Department of the Shell Development Company Laboratory, 4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, California. He is an American citizen born February 19, 1913, of Russian-born, Jewish parents. His father, OSCAR VINOGRAD, died without becoming a citizen. His mother, BERTHA BERNSTEIN VINOGRAD RUBIN, has been an active Communist and affiliated with its front groups most of her life. During 1927-1933, which were their more prosperous years, VINOGRAD's mother and his foster father, SAMUEL L. RUBIN, initiated a sizeable fund for the publishing of "Marxist and Leninist writings." In 1930 his parents donated a tractor to the USSR, and they journeyed to Russia to present it in person. It is alleged that his parents made a trip throughout Russia and to Berlin, Germany, entirely at the expense of the Soviet Government. RUBIN, VINOGRAD's foster father, was a teacher in the Los Angeles Workers School, and at the time of his death there in 1936 he was afforded full burial rights of a Communist funeral. VINOGRAD's sister, [REDACTED] who resides in [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] has been identified as a Communist, and his brother, [REDACTED] is reported to be a Communist and was an organizer in the American Youth for Democracy in Berkeley, California. b7c

VINOGRAD was educated in grade and high schools at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota from 1929-1931. Following this he attended the University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, doing research in colloid chemistry. After the ascension to power of the Nazis, VINOGRAD left Germany in November, 1933. In the same month, he became affiliated with University College, London, England, where he continued his studies until March, 1935, when he returned to the United States.

Soon after returning to the United States, VINOGRAD was employed in the chemistry laboratory of a soap firm in New York, and in 1936 moved to Los Angeles, entering the University of California at Los Angeles from which he graduated in June, 1937, with an M.A. Degree in chemistry. Following this, he graduated with a Ph.D. Degree in 1940 from Stanford University, and while at the latter institution, did research work in physical and colloid chemistry under [REDACTED], who is now a consultant to the Rubber Reserve Corporation set up by the United States Government. b7c

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VINOGRAD has been continuously employed at the Shell Development Company Laboratory since 1941 and has been extremely active there in the FAECT, being president of the FAECT chapter in the East Bay in 1943. His activities in the FAECT union have placed him in close association with many of the other suspects in this case.

VINOGRAD and his wife, SHERNA SHALETT VINOGRAD, are both known Communists.

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JAMES WALTER MILLER, alias
Solomon Margolin, James W. Milan,
James Milaw, Victor Milaw, James W.
Millaw, James W. Milaw, Sirkein Milawsky,
Sirkin Milawsky, Victor Milo, Victor
James Miller, A. Victor, "Victor"

MILLER resides at 1833 Sunnydale Avenue, San Francisco, and is now employed as salesman by the C. H. Baker Shoe Company, 835 Market Street, San Francisco. He is a naturalized American citizen of Russian-Jewish extraction, born in Poltava, Russia, May 30, 1889. He entered the United States at New York August 29, 1907, and was granted citizenship there on 7/31/17 under the name of SIRKIN MILAWSKY. MILLER's wife is named ESTHER KLEINMAN MILLER, and they have one son, [REDACTED] seven years of age. b7c

MILLER has been engaged, for the most part, as a retail salesman in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, although he claims to have done considerable work as a translator at various times, particularly for the Russian newspaper "Russky Golos" in New York. On August 10, 1942, MILLER began employment as a clerk and translator with the Office of Postal Censorship in San Francisco where he remained until February 15, 1944. At that time he resigned under pressure from Censorship officials after it was learned that he had accepted a copy of a letter which was copied by one of MILLER's associates at the Office of Postal Censorship, contrary to Censorship rules. As far as is known, MILLER belongs to no union.

There is no indication that MILLER or his wife are members of the Communist Party in San Francisco, although it is known that prior to coming to San Francisco from Los Angeles in 1936 MILLER was a member of the Party in that city under the name VICTOR MILO. MILLER's activities appear to be confined, in the main, to the PEOPLES WORLD, in connection with translations which he occasionally handles, and the American-Russian Institute in San Francisco.

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MILLER claims to have been associated with the magazine "Russia" from 1914-1921, serving in the capacity of associate editor. This magazine is said to have been a journal of Russian-American trade and was endeavoring to build up an export business with Russia by showing the potential markets in that country. MILLER was issued a passport in 1918 for a proposed trip throughout Japan and China on behalf of R. Martens and Company, publishers of the magazine "Russia." Again, in 1932, while residing in Los Angeles, MILLER was issued a passport for a proposed trip throughout Great Britain, Germany, and Finland. MILLER was then employed as a salesman, and no reason for the trip has been ascertained.

MILLER is contacted regularly by one [REDACTED] who has b7C been a merchant seaman for the past ten years; is a member of the National Maritime Union; and has a long background of Communist activity. [REDACTED] is now serving in the South Pacific as First Assistant Engineer aboard the SS SOUTH AFRICAN VICTORY and is known to have considerable Communist literature with him aboard this vessel; and the possibility exists that he may be acting as a courier. (u)

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ARSENIJUS KOVSARAS, alias
Arsenijus Kovshar, Arseny Nicolas
Kovshar, Abe N. Kovshar, Arseni
Nikolaievich Kovshar, Arsenij
Nikolarich Korcharas

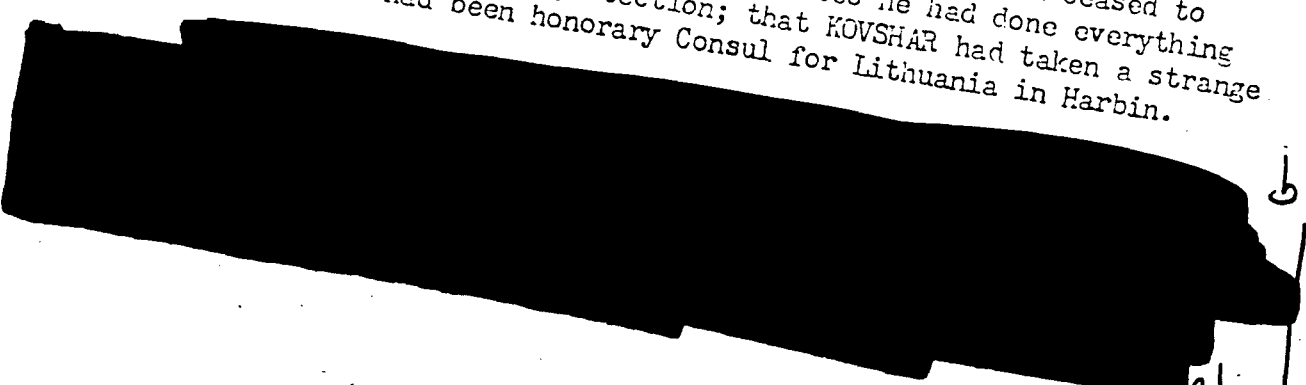
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The above is best known under the name ARSENY KOVSHAR. He resides at 196 St. Elmo Way, San Francisco, California, and is engaged in selling oil for use by Russian vessels, as agent for the General Petroleum Company. He maintains an office at 1105 Bush Street, but does considerable of his business at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, 465 California Street, San Francisco, California. KOVSHAR is also said to own an interest in the Jansen Chemical Company, 1148 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, California. There has been no indication to date that KOVSHAR has any affiliations with American Communists.

KOVSHAR and his wife, OLGA ISAEFF KOVSHAR, claim Soviet citizenship, and were both born in Harbin, China, of Russian parents. KOVSHAR's birthdate was December 29, 1901, and his wife's January 8, 1903. They arrived in the United States at New York on March 9, 1939, on a diplomatic visitors' visa, KOVSHAR claiming to be honorary Lithuanian Consul of Harbin, China. It was determined by the Immigration Service that Soviet passports were issued to the KOVSHARS at San Francisco on October 26, 1940, under the names ARSENIJ and OLGA KORCHARAS, and these have been periodically renewed. Deportation proceedings were begun against KOVSHAR and his wife in December, 1940, on the basis that they were illegally in the country and deportation was ordered, but the order was modified to permit them to depart from this country voluntarily. This matter has been stayed several times, and their application for visas has been disapproved, and they are still slated for deportation. The Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee, in its unanimous disapproval of the KOVSHARS' application, commented on the fact that KOVSHAR attempted to prove the Lithuanian Government had ceased to exist; that since his entry into the United States he had done everything to clothe himself with Russian protection; that KOVSHAR had taken a strange attitude for one who had been honorary Consul for Lithuania in Harbin.

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[REDACTED] (C) (C) KOVSHAR had been under investigation in that he had been reported as friendly with Soviet Consular officials in Harbin, and had been reported as a suspected agent of the Soviet Government there. Also, he had been reported as engaging in unscrupulous activities while serving as honorary Lithuanian Consul at Harbin in that he had accepted gifts of property and an automobile for issuance of passports and for other services to persons claiming, or seeking, Lithuanian protection in Harbin; that although he received large sums of money over a period of two years on promises of obtaining Lithuanian passports for persons possibly not entitled to them, these passports were often not provided by him as promised. It was also alleged he made considerable money in illegal narcotic traffic; that he had been part owner or owner of several drug stores in Harbin, and was owner of a firm which produced cosmetics; that a common-law wife and child of KOVSHAR's in Harbin received support from the latter firm; that KOVSHAR stated his purpose in coming to the United States was to visit his mother, who lived at Bryte, California, and to continue his study of chemistry. (S)(u) b1

It is reported that KOVSHAR resided in Harbin and attended school there until 1921; that he was also a clerk for the China West and Russian

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Railroad; that thereafter he lived in Mukden until 1931, during which time he was a preacher, possibly in the Chinese language, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and, from 1928 to 1931, was employed as manager of a garage in Mukden; that he returned to Harbin and engaged in operating drug and cosmetic firms until his departure for the United States in 1939; that subsequent to his arrival one [REDACTED], age 23, and her four-year old son arrived, and were detained at San Francisco. She claimed KOVSHAR was the father of her child but, in that he refused to guarantee her support, the woman and her child were deported. Investigation has disclosed that KOVSHAR visited very little with his mother, Mrs. MARIE KOVSHAR, and that he probably contributed little to her support, it being reported that she supported herself through meagre earnings as a domestic and as a farm laborer up until the time in 1940 when she was found dead along the railroad tracks near Bryte, California.

Soon after arriving in California, KOVSHAR purchased property in Berkeley, California, and he was registered as a part-time chemistry student at high school. For a time he was also employed at the Bryant Laboratories in Berkeley, and later he moved to San Francisco where he engaged in selling chemicals and cleaning fluids, his reported income being \$2400 annually.

It will be noted herein that KOVSHAR, in May, 1943, in company with three other men who appeared to be Russians, visited Professor ALEXANDER KAUN, at the University of California, Berkeley, and that KOVSHAR was recognized as one who had previously visited the campus in company with men in uniform who were possibly Russians. KOVSHAR is known to contribute to the Russian War Relief and the American-Russian Institute. He is also assisting Consular officials in the establishment of a Russian school at San Francisco. He has also indicated he is in the employ of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, and it is known he is not registered as an agent of a foreign principal. Recently he made a trip to Portland and Seattle in regard to the letting of a contract for construction of fifty vessels for the Russian government. (u)

ISAAC FOLKOFF, alias
Sam Falcoff, Sam Falconvitch,
Isaac Falclonoff, "Pop," "Dad"

FOLKOFF resides at 112 Havelock Street, San Francisco, California, and is a partner in the Model Embroidery and Pleating Company, 989 Market Street, San Francisco. He is an American citizen, of Jewish extraction, born January 10, 1881, at Lutzin, a town at that period in Czarist Russia,

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but in post-war days belonging to Latvia. FOLKOFF entered the United States at New York City January 25, 1904, and was granted citizenship in New York City April 9, 1912. He is married and has one son. His wife, MINNIE, was born in Russia and she is also Jewish. Their son, [REDACTED], is an accountant of some prominence in San Francisco and makes his home at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is consulted on Communist tax and money problems, and is reported to be "absolutely O.K." by Communist leaders. b7c

FOLKOFF has for many years been a member of the Communist Party, a close associate of those high in Communist activities and, although scarcely ever in the public notice, exerts influence with the leaders [REDACTED] b1

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What is known of the activities of COGILL is being set out in another section of this report. The known background of FOLKOFF is as follows: (X)(u)

He returned to Europe in 1921, and it is reported that he went to Latvia. At this time the Baltic states were in confusion because of revolutions and it is possible that FOLKOFF went to the USSR from Latvia. The activities of FOLKOFF are obscure until 1932, at which time he was reportedly receiving visiting emissaries from the USSR [REDACTED] b1 (c)

[REDACTED] From 1933 to 1937, FOLKOFF was allegedly the man in charge of the West Coast Communist Party Underground. In 1935 he again went to Latvia and, while it is not definitely known whether he went to the USSR, sources close to FOLKOFF advise that in their opinion, he did so to the Soviet Union. In any event, it is known that FOLKOFF's son [REDACTED] was in Russia for a period of two years; the dates of this visit are not yet known. (X)(u) b7C

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Investigation discloses that FOLKOFF is undoubtedly one of the most important Communists in this area. He does not hold any Communist office, but prefers to remain in the background, although he is very active in Communist affairs. It is evident that FOLKOFF is the financial expert of the Communists in California. He is engaged constantly in raising money for the Communist cause, and his advice is sought relative to the expenditure of Communist funds. (S)

FOLKOFF has been reported to meet clandestinely with various persons of interest in this case, including LOUISE BRANSTEN, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Dr. CHARLES BURCHOT, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], b7c and others. He lunches fairly regularly with a group including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the latter being employed by Standard Oil of California. [REDACTED] is probably a Communist and he has knowledge of confidential data concerning operations and installations of the American Arabian Oil Company and the Bahrein Oil Company of Arabia. Such information could, in our war period, be classed as military. (S)

FOLKOFF was known to associate with STEVE NELSON prior to the latter's transfer to Alameda County Communist headquarters. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER was also known to associate with FOLKOFF, and the former was observed on the evening of December 1, 1940, to attend a meeting in the home of HAAKON CHEVALIER which was also attended by ISAAC FOLKOFF and WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. b

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ERIC HARRY COGILL

COGILL resides with his wife BURGESS and daughter [REDACTED] b7c COGILL at 29 Idora Avenue, San Francisco. He was born in Australia on December 25, 1939, and claims American citizenship through the naturalization of his father HARRY PETE COGILL, although there is no indication that the latter was ever admitted to American citizenship. COGILL is an active partner with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the operation of the Electrical Communications Company 765 Clementina Street, San Francisco, but is not known to be a member of any labor union organization. COGILL was for many years a telephone company employee, and is an expert in all forms of electrical communication. He has access to U. S. Navy and Army vessels and, because of his access to the San Francisco waterfront, obtains confidential maritime information.

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There is no information indicating COGILL's actual membership as a Communist, although he is known to be an intimate associate of ISAAC FOLKOFF, above, who has been reported to be the undercover director of Communist financial affairs. COGILL's daughter has been identified as a member of the Party, and has served as a minor functionary in the North Beach Section of the Communist Party in San Francisco. (S)(u)

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Information has also been received that on one occasion [REDACTED] has been identified as a personal friend of LOUISE BRAMSTEN and as one who is active in the affairs of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee on the Pacific Coast. This meeting between [REDACTED] and BURGESS COGILL is considered unusual in view of the fact that [REDACTED] ordinarily travels in social circles removed from those of Mrs. COGILL. This association is believed to be in connection with the activities of the JAFRC, since [REDACTED] chief activities seem to be with this organization with which the COGILL's are also known to be associated. (S)(u)

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Dr. CHARLES GURCHOT, alias
Abel Charles Gurchot,
Abel Charles Gurchowitch

GURCHOT resides at 150 Palo Alto Avenue, San Francisco, California, and has been employed for the past 7 years as an instructor in the Pharmacology Department of the University of California Medical School in San Francisco. He is an American citizen born July 19, 1898, in Paris, France, of French-Jewish parents. He arrived in the United States at New York on March 10, 1909, with his mother, Mrs. REBECCA GURCHOWITCH. The family name was legally changed to GURCHOT in 1913. He was naturalized December 12, 1921, at Ithaca, New York. GURCHOT served in the United States Army from September, 1917, to February, 1918, as a private under the name of ABEL CHARLES GURCHOWITCH, and was discharged in France. He is married to GEORGETTE ROSSILLON GURCHOT and they have no children. GURCHOT is believed definitely identified as a Communist.

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Dr. GURCHOT has for some years been engaged in research on cures for cancer, and was allotted \$17,000 by a cancer foundation to pursue such (g)u

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experiments. The committee formed for the purpose of supervising his research and expenditures made an unfavorable report to the foundation on GURCHOT's work, the progress he was making, and consequently funds from the foundation were curtailed. GURCHOT is reportedly attempting to continue his research with funds obtained from private sources, together with limited assistance from the University of California. His research efforts during recent years were in the fields of cures for cancer, syphilis, and the treatment of wounds. He is considered highly capable.

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Dr. GURCHOT received a B.S. Degree from the College of the City of New York, a Ph.D. Degree from Cornell University in chemistry, physiology, and medicine, and also attended the Ecole Medicine, Paris, France, for one year. He was an assistant in optical chemistry, 1923-1925; was an instructor in biochemistry, 1925-1927; and was Research Associate in the development of new treatment for syphilis, 1928-1930. From 1930-1934, he was Director of Research for the treatment of epilepsy and cancer. He is on the national roster of scientific and specialized personnel and is the author of many publications on medical research.

GURCHOT is known as a very close associate of ISAAC FOLKOFF and cooperated with him as an instructor in Marxism at Communist meetings, some of which were held in the home of [REDACTED], mentioned elsewhere. GURCHOT is also known as a close associate of ERIC COGILL and his family, and is frequently assisted by Mrs. COGILL, who acts as his secretary at the University of California Medical School. (C)(u)

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In addition to the foregoing evidence of the operation of a military espionage parallel in the San Francisco area, it was further disclosed that certain of the suspects have engaged in such activity over a period of years, or at least for some time prior to the inception of this case. [REDACTED] (C)

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LAWRENCE S. FANNING,
alias Larry Fanning

FANNING resided at 1222 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco, and was assistant managing editor of the San Francisco CHRONICLE until recently when he left as a war correspondent. He is married to PHYLLIS FANNING and they have two small children. He is not known as a Communist, although he appears somewhat sympathetic with the movement. He is of interest only through his brief association with LOUISE BRANSTEN.

There were indications pointing to the independent operation of certain of the suspects involved in this case; that while probably known to each other, they nevertheless were not observed to associate together during the period this case has been under investigation. This situation was especially noted with respect to STEVE NELSON and LOUISE BRANSTEN, it (c) b

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appearing that they are acquainted and were associates at the time NELSON was a Communist functionary living in San Francisco, but their contacts practically ceased when NELSON was transferred to the Alameda County headquarters in Oakland. ~~(S)~~ ~~(X)~~ ~~(A)~~ ~~(U)~~

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WARWICK MILLER TOMPKINS,
alias "Captain" Tompkins.

TOMPKINS lives on his yacht, the Wanderbird, at the Yacht Harbor in Sausalito, California. He has been employed since mid-1942 as bookkeeper at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, 465 California Street, San Francisco, California. He was married in Paris, France, to GWENDOLYN BOHNING in 1928, and they have two 'teen age children. TOMPKINS is an American citizen born January 25, 1900, at Troy, New York, of American-born parents. Prior to his present position he worked for a while as a longshoreman and was a member of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO. TOMPKINS is an admitted Communist and is continually active as a propagandist for the cause. He served in the U. S. Naval Reserve in 1918-1919 and was a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve until September, 1939, when he was decommissioned.

Indication of TOMPKINS' connection with this case was seen in June, 1943, when he was known to take STEVE NELSON for a day's cruise on his yacht. It was not possible to determine who else of interest was in the cruising party on this occasion. [REDACTED] b1
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TOMPKINS regularly associates with ISAAC FOLKOFF, undercover financial advisor to the California Communists, and these two meet regularly at luncheons with [REDACTED], Communist adherent who has knowledge of confidential information concerning operations and installations of the American Arabian Oil Company and the Bahrein Oil Company of Arabia, vital military and industrial information at the present time. TOMPKINS is also known to associate with many other prominent Communists, some of whom are suspects in this case. He has claimed very close friendship with HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast CIO labor official and Communist. (C)(u)

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He is not registered as an agent of a foreign principal, but made inquiries in November, 1942, through the law firm of GLADSTEIN, GROSSMAN, MARGOLIS and SAWYER, as to whether he was required to so register. He was represented by HAROLD SAWYER of the above firm, a known Communist. He is also known to associate with LOUISE BRANSTEN

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[LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, alias
Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff]

(u) ARNAUTOFF resides at 547 - 37th Avenue and has been employed as secretary at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission at San Francisco, California, since July 27, 1942. She is an American citizen, born at Vladivostok, Russia, on February 6, 1903. She entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931, and became a citizen of the United States on August 7, 1939, at San Francisco. She is married, has three children of school age. Her husband, VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was born in Russia and is a naturalized citizen. He is a prominent Communist and is most active in the Party and front organizations. (u)

(u) She is secretary of the All-Slavic Alliance, Secretary of the Russian American Society, active in the Slavic Festivals, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the All-Slavic Second Front Committee and the Communist Political Association. (u)

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There is set forth below information concerning various individuals who have been under investigation in this matter and who are considered as possibly ones through whom espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union could be effected. (S)(u)

DAVID E. ADELSON

DAVID ADELSON resides at 1834 Arch Street, Berkeley, California, and is employed as a chemist at the Emeryville, California, Shell Development Company. He was born March 21, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, of Jewish parentage and is reported to have a trace of negro blood. He is married to VALERIE ADELSON and they have no children.

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In addition to his employment as a chemist at the Shell Development Company, ADELSON is an International Vice President of the FAECT and President of Chapter 25 of that union. Reliable information has been obtained that both DAVID ADELSON and his wife are active members of the Communist Party.

ADELSON first became of interest because of his importance in FAECT activities in Berkeley, particularly in connection with its organization of the employees of the Radiation Laboratory. Through the FAECT, he has maintained close association with a number of employees of the laboratory. He is also a frequent visitor in the home of JEROME VINOGRAD, prominently mentioned in this case. (S)(u)

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FRANK FRIEDMAN OPPENHEIMER

FRANK OPPENHEIMER resides at 184 Tunnel Road, Berkeley, California; has been employed as a Research Fellow at the Radiation Laboratory since 1941. He is an American citizen, born August 14, 1912, at New York, New York. He received an A.B. Degree from Johns Hopkins and a Ph.D. Degree from California Institute of Technology in 1939. He is married to JAQUENETTE "JACKIE" OPPENHEIMER, who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party, and who has continued her association in Communist front activities.

OPPENHEIMER has in the past, according to the admission of his brother, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, been a member of the Communist Party, but had severed all connection with the Party. In this respect, it is noted that confidential sources advised OPPENHEIMER has limited his association with Communist Party members; however, his wife continues her association with various front groups. On July 29, 1944, she gave her personal check in the amount of \$335 to [REDACTED], known Party member, possibly for front group activities. b7c

OPPENHEIMER is of interest in instant investigation in view of the fact that he is the brother of J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, coupled with the fact that he was a known Communist.

PHILIP J. RAGOOLAND

RAGOOLAND resides at 573 - 15th Avenue, San Francisco, California, and is a partner in and manages the Ragooland-Broy Laboratories, located at 754 Natoma Street in San Francisco. He was born in Kiev, Russia, on September 25, 1884, and received all his education in Russia. He is a citizen of the United States and is married. The firm is engaged in chemical quantitative analyses and spectrographic qualitative analyses in the recovery of gold, platinum, magnesium and other metals from black sand and other ores. GEORGE L. BROY is a partner in the business.

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RAGOODLAND has stated that in 1937 he explained his chemical process for recovering precious metals to the Soviet Government and they offered him one and one-half million dollars for his formula, but that he refused at that time because Russia was "Godless and Communist." He stated now however the Russian Army is saving American boys' lives and he is willing to give them the formula. He said in fact he had several conversations recently with the Soviet Consul relative to the procurement of this formula and that the Consul had been to his laboratory to see how the process operated. (S)(u)

GEORGE LUTHER BROY

BROY resides at 845 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, and is a partner in the firm of Ragoodland-Broy Laboratories, 754 Natoma Street, San Francisco. He was born at Eureka, Nevada, on March 23, 1937, is married, and has one minor child.

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✓ [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] California. He presently works under [REDACTED] in the Medical Group, Radiation Laboratory, University of California, being more specifically affiliated with a group under [REDACTED]. His work has been concerned with the testing of the reactions of persons under conditions similar to those of pilots in high altitudes. [REDACTED] is an American citizen 33 years of age. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He also has an office in the Medical Dental Building, [REDACTED]. He is single and formerly resided in Washington, D. C., and New Haven, Connecticut. [REDACTED] is a known Communist and formerly belonged to the American League for Peace and Democracy in New Haven. b7c

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[REDACTED] is acquainted with LOUISE BRANSTEN and with [REDACTED] b7
[REDACTED] has used [REDACTED]'s address for receiving his mail. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], mentioned elsewhere in this report, lives with [REDACTED]. In
connection with another investigation, [REDACTED] was interviewed by a
special agent as a character reference for [REDACTED], at which time he
stated that he had known [REDACTED] since 1935 and recommended him highly.
[REDACTED] was seen in the company of JOSEPH NORTH, "New Masses" associate
editor who was in San Francisco in October, 1943. (u)

In his employment at the University of [REDACTED]
would be in a position to furnish information in regard to his own experi-
ments as well as to limited information on the progress being made at the
DSM Project.

[MEYER ABRAM BRASH] (u)

BRASH resides at 351 Hayes Street, San Francisco, California, and
is proprietor of the American Tailors, 359 Kearney Street, San Francisco.
He is an American citizen, born July 10, 1879, at Vilna, Russia, of Jewish
parents. He entered the United States at New York on May 15, 1899, and
was granted citizenship at San Francisco, California, on January 14, 1916.
His wife, GUSSIE BRASH, was born at Vilna, Russia. They have a son, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED], born in San Francisco, [REDACTED], presently employed as an audi-
tor with the Sacramento Federated Trades Council, Sacramento, California,
who was at one time associated with a firm, a member of which was ROBERT
FOLKOFF, son of ISAAC FOLKOFF, confidential treasurer of the Communist
underground in San Francisco. (u)

BRASH first came to attention in this case late in September, 1943,
when BORIS MORROS tried to contact him at his place of business and also
at his home. At this time a highly confidential source advised that a slip
of paper with the notation, "BRASH, 351 Hayes Street, San Francisco, Cali-
fornia," was noted in the effects of MORROS. (u)

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)
JACOB MIKEL TALKOVSKY, alias
Yukie Talkoveski, John Talkovsky,
Jack Talkov, John Talkov

TALKOVSKY resides at 650 Kirkham Street, San Francisco, California,
with his wife and two children, and operates the Coast Free Market,

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1754 Haight Street, in the same city. He is an American citizen, born at Slonim, Russia, January 19, 1894. He entered the United States November 27, 1915, and was granted citizenship on June 5, 1933. He is married to ELIZABETH NORDIN TALKOVSKY, a naturalized citizen of the United States of Russian birth.

BORIS MORROS, on September 21, 1943, indicated at Los Angeles, California, that JACK TALKOV of 650 Kirkham Street, San Francisco, was a person he might contact while in San Francisco. Surveillance of MORROS at San Francisco failed to indicate that MORROS did contact TALKOVSKY either in September or during a subsequent trip he made in October, but it was revealed that MORROS communicated with MEYER BRASH, father-in-law of TALKOVSKY, at his place of business and residence. It is known, however, that TALKOVSKY contacted MORROS on December 24, 1943, at Los Angeles, California, but the significance of the association between these men has not been determined. (C)(u)

SERGEI IVANOVICHT SCHERBAKOFF, alias
Sergey Scherbakoff, Sergey John Scherbakoff

SCHERBAKOFF resides at 1825 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, and he is employed as an alteration draftsman on confidential work at Bethlehem Shipyard, San Francisco, California. He is an American citizen born July 19, 1894, at Kohouka, Russia. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California, on February 3, 1922, and was naturalized at San Francisco on May 4, 1936. He is married to TAMARA FRONTINSKA SCHERBAKOFF, recently released from an institution for the feeble-minded.

SCHERBAKOFF is not known to be a member of the Communist Party; however, he has associated himself with such front organizations as the American-Russian Institute, serving as a member of the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Russian-American Society and is carried on the files of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as a former member presently inactive.

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DIMITRI GREGORIEVICH KLEPIKOFF,
alias Dimitrie Klepikoff

KLEPIKOFF resides at 1866 Church Street, San Francisco, California, with his wife KATHERINE. He is president of the Cosmopolitan Distillers, Inc., at San Francisco. He is an American citizen, born May 5, 1895, at Biysk, Russia, and entered the United States at San Francisco November 11, 1929, from Shanghai, China. He was in the Russian army during World War I, and at the time of the revolution in Russia he joined the White Army, escaping later to China. In a special Immigration hearing on June 28, 1940, as to whether cancellation proceedings should be brought as to his American citizenship, KLEPIKOFF declined to state the name of a woman he had lived with as a common-law husband, saying: "I am afraid to tell her last name." He also produced a letter purporting to be from his sister in Russia, dated April 20, 1933, in which it was stated the GPU was bothering them and if they "were caught again it meant no release"; that, "It is becoming impossible to make our living here and also dangerous to remain here longer on account of the GPU. . ." KLEPIKOFF stated he had a son, [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] to his wife whose name he refused to divulge; b7c that he last heard from [REDACTED] in 1932 and as far as he knew, his son was still in Russia. It was also indicated that KLEPIKOFF had said his son was expelled from school in Russia because his father was in the United States and that [REDACTED] was "being held by the Communists."

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There is also information indicating that KLEPIKOFF entertains sailors off (c)
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Russian ships. Ordinarily Soviet sailors are prohibited from visiting persons unless the persons are known to be friendly and loyal toward the Soviets. It is also known that KLEPIKOFF brought a Soviet sailor to a dinner sponsored by the Committee for the Aid of the Soviet Union. (X)

That KLEPIKOFF fled from Russia in fear of the "Bolsheviks" and that his family in fairly recent years have been put in fear by the activities of the OGPU in Russia, and that KLEPIKOFF's son may be held by the Soviet authorities, casts suspicion on his association with Soviet officials here, and therefore consideration has been given to the possibility that KLEPIKOFF may be cooperating with the Soviets under duress through fear of the consequences to his family in Russia.

ROMAN VASILIEVICH GANKIN, alias
Robert V. Hankin, Robert Gankin,
Robert Hankins, Roman Vasilii Gankin

GANKIN resides at 1001 Hermosa Way, Menlo Park, California, with his wife, OLGA, and child. He is employed as chief engineer at the California Steel Products Company, Richmond, California, having been employed at this firm since 1916. He is an American citizen born in Russia on July 24, 1891, entered the United States March 24, 1916, and was naturalized March 7, 1932. GANKIN is alleged to be an active Communist and to have taught in the Communist Workers School at San Francisco.

[REDACTED] An informant states that GANKIN came to this country as a technical advisor to a Russian publishing agency located in San Francisco and has praised the Soviets. In his capacity as chief engineer at the California Steel Products Company, which manufactures equipment for the production of high octane gasoline and equipment used for the production of synthetic rubber, he has available to him all plans of any projects on which the company is working. (X)

OLGA HESS GANKIN

OLGA GANKIN resides at 1001 Hermosa Way, Menlo Park, California, and is employed as a Russian teacher under Doctor EDWIN A. COTTRELL, Director of the Stanford University Specialized Training Program for Army Students, Palo Alto, California. From 1929 to 1937, she was employed as a Research Associate at the Hoover Library, Stanford University. She is an

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American citizen, born in Petrograd, Russia, November 19, 1893, and entered the United States at New York October 11, 1924, and was granted citizenship in San Francisco, California, March 3, 1941.

Mrs. GANKIN is known to be pro-Communist, has been connected with the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and is extremely interested in and active in the Russian War Relief branch at Palo Alto, California, where she holds the position of Executive Secretary. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] In 1940 she completed a book entitled "The Bolsheviks and the World War," assisted by HAROLD HENRY FISHER, Professor of History, Stanford University. (u) b1

JOHN HANSEN MAGDIEL

MAGDIEL resides at 623 - 54th Street, Apartment E, Oakland, California, and is associated with his brother, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b1 in the promotion and perfection of a radiant energy device, "to draw electrical energy from the air, using only an antenna and a ground wire." He made a trip to Russia during 1930 in an attempt to interest the Russian Government in this invention, but failed in this venture.

MAGDIEL was born at Tronso, Norway, on August 24, 1876, and was admitted as a citizen of the United States at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 23, 1914. He is a known Communist. [REDACTED] b1

ALEXANDER LAZAREVICH POSTARNACK, alias
Alexander Posternack, Aleksander Alex Posternack

POSTARNACK resides at 236 Harvard Street, San Francisco, with his wife EUGENIA NICOLAEVNA POSTARNACK, and is employed by the General Motors, Inc., 405 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. POSTARNACK was born on July 20, 1893, at Irkutsk, Siberia, and arrived in the United States on January 7, 1938, and is a Soviet citizen. He is not known to be a member of the American Communist Party.

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BENJAMIN GEORGE VAGANOV, alias
Veniamin George Vaganov, Benjamin
Vaganoff, Ben Vaganov

VAGANOV resides at 899 Fulton Street, San Francisco, California, where he engages in his profession as an artist. He was born in Archangel, Russia, October 3, 1896, arrived in the United States January 15, 1923, and was granted citizenship in the United States June 8, 1931. VAGANOV is divorced and has two children residing in Oceanside, California.

Although it is not known that VAGANOV is a member of the Communist Political Association, he has had Communist literature in his possession, indicated sympathy for the Communist cause, and has been a member of the Russian-American Society for Aid to Russia. b

[REDACTED] b

(c)
VAGANOV was formerly a captain of a machine gun company in the Russian Army during World War I, after military training received in the Russian Military Academy. He also is an expert electrician, having learned this trade in Harbin, China, in the 1920's. He was an assembler at the Corsair Aircraft Company, San Diego, California, 1940-1941, and in 1942 was employed by the Rohr Aircraft Company in California as a sheet metal worker. From 1942 to April, 1943, he was an electrician at the Bethlehem Steel Company on naval construction.

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[CHARLES WILLIAM DOMBITSKY, alias
Konstantin Dembitsky]

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DOMBITSKY resides at 25 Melba Avenue, San Francisco, California, and has been employed since February 1, 1943, at the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, Sunnyvale, California. He arrived in the United States at San Francisco, December 18, 1911. He was born March 6, 1890 at Odessa, Russia, and has twice made declarations of intention to become an American citizen. The first declaration was filed in 1912 and apparently allowed to lapse; the second declaration was filed December 9, 1942. He was apparently married several times. His present wife is named ANNA DOMBITSKY or SONYA A. DOMBITSKY, and they have no children. He claims to have had four years college education and has stated that for two and one-half years he was in the engineering division of the Russian Army at Vladivostok, Russia. No indication has been received that DOMBITSKY is a Communist, [REDACTED] b1

JOHN J. SAVAGE

SAVAGE resides at 3047 - 26th Street, San Francisco, California. He is an American citizen, born April 19, 1897, at Ardfer or Tralee, Ireland, and came to the United States from Liverpool, England, arriving at New York on March 1, 1920. He was naturalized in San Francisco on August 6, 1925. In September 1935 he married PHYLLIS SAVAGE and was divorced in April, 1942, though she still resides at 3047 - 26th Street. He was formerly employed as an engineer by the San Francisco Hospital but is presently sailing in the Merchant Marine as Chief Engineer, having last sailed aboard the SS Michael Casey, returning from the South Pacific to San Francisco on August 25, 1944. He is a known Communist and on his last trip his ship went to Hawaii, and while aboard the ship he did a great deal of talking in favor of Russia and how the United States and Britain had let her down in not opening a second front. He also told EARL BROWDER's life story on numerous occasions.

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[REDACTED] b1
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[REDACTED] alias b7c

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is enrolled as a student at the University of [REDACTED], where he is majoring in International Relations. [REDACTED] a Russian citizen, was born at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and entered the United States at San Francisco on March 21, 1940.

He is not known to be a Communist, [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] On November 6, 1943, [REDACTED] (c)
was also officially connected with a public meeting held in San Francisco to celebrate the ten years of friendly relations between the United States and the USSR, at which GREGORI KHEIFETS was in attendance. (P)(u)

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[REDACTED] (c)

SAUL GOLDBLATT

SAUL GOLDBLATT is the brother of LOUIS GOLDBLATT and SAMUEL GOLDBLATT, mentioned elsewhere in this report. He resides at 2381 Eunice Street, Berkeley, California, and is employed by the Associated Oil Company at Avon, California, where he is engaged in designing refinery installations necessary to the operation of crude oils in the manufacture of 100-octane gasoline. He has been employed by this concern since May 14, 1942. GOLDBLATT is an American citizen, born in New York City, June 25, 1919. His father, BORIS GOLDBLATT, and mother, TILLY GOLDBLATT, are Jewish and were both born in Russia. At the present time they reside at 2606

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are Communists and have associated with prominent Communist figures.

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[REDACTED] is married and resides at [REDACTED] b7
California. She is employed as a draftsman at [REDACTED]
California. She is an American citizen, born at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] On June 3, 1944, she married [REDACTED]
at [REDACTED] California. She graduated from the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and from the University of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in 1925. In 1937 and 1938 she served in Spain on the side
of the Loyalists as a clerk and interpreter in a medical unit. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] has been contacted by numerous other suspects in this case, including JOSEPH NORTH, managing editor of "NEW MASSES", HELEN BRYAN, National Executive Secretary, JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] resides with her mother, [REDACTED] She is an American citizen, born at [REDACTED], on [REDACTED]. She married [REDACTED], an instructor at the University of [REDACTED] and Communist sympathizer, about 1936. During 1942 and 1943 she is said to have lived with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the latter being the East Bay organizer for the Young Communists League. In May, 1943, she left [REDACTED] California, for [REDACTED], where she took up residence with her husband, a lieutenant in the United States Army. She traveled with him to various camps until he was shipped overseas, whereupon she returned to [REDACTED] California. In August, 1944, she stated that she had been employed as a consultant in post-war planning, but it is not known by whom she is employed. b7c

[REDACTED] (c) b
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] California, and b
is an optometrist with offices at [REDACTED]. He
is an American citizen, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and
received his AB and MA degrees at Cornell University, and in 1941 majored
in optometry as a graduate student at the University of California. He is
married to [REDACTED]. He and his wife are active Communists
and are known associates of STEVE NELSON, [REDACTED] b1
and BERNADETTE DOYLE. (c) b7c

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[BORIS SOLOMON BLINDER, alias
Solomon Boris Blinder]

(S)(u)

BLINDER resides with his wife, HELOISE, at 2367 Green Street, San Francisco, California. Their Los Angeles address was 931 North Wetherly Drive. BORIS BLINDER is an American citizen, born in Russia of Jewish parents on September 13, 1898, and entered the United States at New York City, June 28, 1937, from Paris, France. He was naturalized at San Francisco, California, April 12, 1943. He married HELOISE BLINDER at Istanbul, Turkey, April 17, 1926, and they lived in Paris, France, for 14 years prior to coming to the United States. HELOISE BLINDER entered the United States at New York December 13, 1937, from Cherbourg, France, and was granted citizenship at San Francisco on July 12, 1943. (S)(u)

BLINDER has been employed as a cellist for the San Francisco Symphony for the past three seasons. His brother-in-law and sister, [REDACTED] reside in the same apartment house in San Francisco. He also has close contact with his brother, [REDACTED], and his sister-in-law, [REDACTED], with whom he lived when he first came to San Francisco. He is a member of Musicians Union, AFL. [REDACTED] (S)(u)

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Bureau on [REDACTED] In an anonymous letter received by the [REDACTED] was identified [REDACTED]

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The direct operation of the Comintern Apparatus in the Los Angeles area becomes readily apparent upon examination of the alleged and known facts pertaining to the activities of these individuals. The significance of its operation is emphasized by the existence of numerous military, naval, and industrial installations in that area.

CARL WINTER, alias
Philip Carl Weissberg, H. Carl
HELEN WINTER, alias
Helen Allison, Mrs. Carl Winter

WINTER, together with his wife HELEN WINTER and infant child, resides at 1215 Innes Street, Los Angeles, California, where he serves as Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles County Communist Political Association. His wife serves as the Membership Director of this unit of the Association.

WINTER is an American citizen, born under the name PHILIP CARL WEISSBERG at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1906, of Jewish parents, both of whom were born in Russia. His education included attendance at Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, for one year and the City College of New York for a period of two years. His parents' having been members of the old Socialist Party of Ohio, WINTER became a youth leader in that organization and was a charter member of the Young Communist League upon its organization in 1922. In 1925 he became a member of the Communist Party and was a charter member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians (FAECT). It is alleged that in his youth WINTER attended the LENIN Institute in Soviet Russia. During the "hunger marches" on Washington, D. C., in 1931 and 1932 he assisted as an organizer of the marches. From 1939 until 1942 WINTER served as State Secretary for the Communist Party for the State of Minnesota, after which he became the Executive Secretary for the Party for Los Angeles County, California. In this latter capacity he is often referred to as the organizer for Los Angeles County.

HELEN WINTER, who serves as Membership Director of the Los Angeles County unit, also is an instructor at the Los Angeles Workers' School, and functions officially under the name HELEN ALLISON. In 1943, CARL WINTER was slated to become State Secretary, and HELEN WINTER was to replace STEVE NELSON as organizer for Alameda County, California; this change was not put into effect, inasmuch as SCHNEIDERMAN, who was to be replaced by CARL WINTER, was rejected from Army service and therefore remained as State Secretary. (S)(u)

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BORIS MICHAEL MORROS

MORROS, who resides at 915 Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, with his wife and son, is a motion picture producer and director, and a producer of stage shows and musicals, maintaining business addresses at the BORIS MORROS Music Company, 686 North Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood; BORIS MORROS Productions, Inc., 1010 North Las Palmas Avenue, Hollywood; and the Producing Artists Corporation, 6625 Romaine Street, Los Angeles. He also instructs at the University of Southern California twice weekly. He is a naturalized American citizen, born of Russian-Jewish parents at St. Petersburg, Russia, and has resided in the United States since 1922. Two of his sisters and two of his brothers presently reside in Russia, while his father entered the United States from Russia in January, 1943.

It is not known whether MORROS is a Communist, but he has been interested in various enterprises of the Communist Party in the Los Angeles area, has served on the committee for Russian War Relief, and has been a contributor to Communist front organizations.

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It is to be noted that the writer of the anonymous letter to the Bureau received [redacted] describing [redacted] (u) b7i

When he was in San Francisco in the fall of 1943, BORIS MORROS had in his possession a slip of paper bearing the name of [redacted], proprietor of American Tailors, Kearny Street, San Francisco. MORROS was known to have contacted someone at this address while in San Francisco. (S) (u) b7c

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He has also been in contact with PAUL ROBESON and CHARLES CHAPLIN. (S) (u) (c)
ALFRED K. STERN, New York partner of BORIS MORROS in the music publishing and recording business and financial backer of MORROS, visited MORROS in Los Angeles during August 11-26, 1944. While there, STERN contacted HERBERT BIBERMAN, prominent Los Angeles Communist and suspected espionage agent, on several occasions. STERN, a man of considerable means, has been associated with numerous Communist front groups, and is a known acquaintance of OTTO KATZ, LYDIA ALTSCHULER, and Dr. ALBERT PARRY. (S) (u)

It is noted that BORIS MORROS was contacted in Los Angeles on October 11, 1943, by [redacted]. Although it is probable that this contact was made in the course of legitimate business, it should not be overlooked that [redacted] has figured in investigation of this case in the New York area. Similarly, MORROS has several times been contacted by [redacted], motion picture writer at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, who is an active Communist. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] alias [redacted] b1

[redacted] an American citizen born [redacted] at [redacted] California. He is employed by the [redacted] at [redacted]. Upon receiving degrees from the University of [redacted] and [redacted] he secured employment with the [redacted] at [redacted] in (S) (u) b7c

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1936 as a chemist and technologist. Although investigation has failed to disclose that [REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party, he has indicated a sympathetic attitude toward Communist ideals and has contributed to Russian War Relief and other Communist front organizations.

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[REDACTED] alias b7c

[REDACTED] at the time his activities came of attention,
resided with his wife, [REDACTED] and their infant son at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and was employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] entered the
United States at New York on December 6, 1943, and subsequently obtained
American citizenship through the naturalization of his father at Pitts-
burgh, Pennsylvania, on March 5, 1920. He has in the past been reported
as a member of the Communist Party, but no recent information has been
secured to indicate present membership. It is known, however, that he
served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. Also, while in Europe
he is reported to have visited Russia. [REDACTED] presently resides at b7c

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[REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED] came to Los Angeles in January of 1943, after having lived in New York City from June until December, 1942, during which time he was employed by [REDACTED] New York City. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, [REDACTED] obtained employment as a manual laborer with the [REDACTED] which manufactures recoil mechanisms for U. S. Army artillery, as well as an advanced type of oil pump. He left this company voluntarily and obtained employment with the [REDACTED] in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] (c)

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with his wife [REDACTED] and has been employed since June, 1944, as a machinist by [REDACTED] California, manufacturers of military aircraft parts. He is an American citizen, born on [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], entered the United States at San Francisco from Kobe, Japan, on April 15, 1925, and was naturalized on September 9, 1932. Both Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] are Communist sympathizers and are actively engaged in Russian War Relief.

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An informant advised that in the course of his days work at the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] has access b7c to confidential blueprints of various airplanes constructed by Lockheed, Douglas, and other Southern California aircraft companies, inasmuch as the company is engaged in manufacturing parts for various military aircraft. Informant pointed out, however, that [REDACTED] is unable to read blue- b7c prints and has never been known to take any blueprints from the premises.

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (c) b7c

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is employed as secretary to [REDACTED] of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission at North American Aircraft Company, Los Angeles. She is an American citizen, born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and arrived in New York City with her parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 1922. She was granted derivative citizenship on July 11, 1927, at Newark, New Jersey, when her father became a naturalized citizen of the United States. (u)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with his wife, [REDACTED]. He is a citizen of the United States and was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] graduated [REDACTED]

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from Rutgers University with a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering and was first employed by [REDACTED] in 1931. In 1934 he went to work for the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] after which he was again employed by [REDACTED] where he is presently assistant to the Vice-President in Charge of Export and Military Sales of Aircraft, and he is engaged in administering all Army, Navy and Allied Nations contracts for combat aircraft held by [REDACTED]

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EVIDENCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE PARALLEL

AT LOS ANGELES

DOCTOR ABRAHAM GEORGE SHEFTTEL, alias
Dr. A. G. Sheftel

SHEFTTEL resides at 1522 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, California with his wife, CLARE, and two children, and operates a Clinical Laboratory at 9730 Wilshire Boulevard in the same city. He was born May 19, 1892, at Vilna, Russia. Information concerning SHEFTTEL's entry into the United States and citizenship are not known.

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ABRAHAM KOODLACH

KOODLACH resides at 2332 South Longwood Avenue and operates a shop at 245 South Berendo Street, both in Los Angeles, where he engages in the manufacture and repair of violins and other stringed instruments. He is an American citizen, born in Kiev, Russia, on April 7, 1890, and arrived in the United States at Seattle, Washington on April 14, 1920. He was admitted to citizenship in Los Angeles on September 9, 1932. His wife, ROSE, who is sometimes referred to as RUTH KOODLACH was born in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1894 and came to the United States with her husband in 1920.

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[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] California, was born [REDACTED], and as of [REDACTED] stated that she was 43 years of age. In 1916 she married [REDACTED] whom she divorced in March, 1943. [REDACTED] and her husband escaped the Russian Revolution by fleeing to Constantinople. According to a statement made by [REDACTED], she migrated to the United States in 1923 and became a naturalized citizen in 1929. Since her original entry into the United States, it is known that [REDACTED] traveled to Japan and to Soviet Russia on several occasions. It is reported that upon her departure from Turkey on December 19, 1940, she would be unable to obtain a visa to return, inasmuch as she is considered undesirable by Turkish authorities due to her Soviet connections. According to one informant, [REDACTED] was believed to have engaged in espionage in Turkey. This conclusion is based on an allegedly forged letter of introduction presented by [REDACTED] at Istanbul. (u) b1

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JOHN JACOB GINSBURG

GINSBURG, who resides at 2241 Ben Lomond, Los Angeles, California, is a practicing dentist with offices at 608 Security Building, 6381 Hollywood Boulevard. He was born October 23, 1890, at Piryatin, Russia, where he received his lower education, and migrated to the United States sometime subsequent to the Revolution and World War. Since graduation from the University of Southern California in 1924, GINSBURG has practiced dentistry in the vicinity of Los Angeles. His wife, RUTH RZIP GINSBURG, is employed as a public school teacher at Los Angeles and resides with her husband and two children.

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[PAUL C. DAVIS, alias
Paul Chusid, Israel Chusid]

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DAVIS, a Russian citizen who resides at 1921 1/2 Bonsalle Street, Los Angeles, California, was born July 27, 1899 in Odessa, Russia, and entered the United States on November 11, 1913. He is a physicist and at times works as a painter. He is a member of the United Painters and Decorators Union. DAVIS claimed on one occasion to have been a member of the Communist Party, however, this is not substantiated, [

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] He
is employed as [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], an engineering
firm at Los Angeles engaged in designing gas refining plants for the Russian
Government. [REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)
[REDACTED] VERA DAVIDSON, alias
Vera Helfetz, Esther Vera Merenbach

DAVIDSON resides at 694 Mariposa Street, Los Angeles, California.
She is an American citizen, born in Russia on March 7, 1898, and entered
the United States on December 15, 1920. She was naturalized under the name
of ESTHER VERA MERENBACH on January 15, 1926. She is married to GEORGE
DAVIDSON, whose present whereabouts is unknown. She has formerly been a
music teacher but is now unemployed. There is no indication that DAVIDSON
is a Communist, and she has not been identified as being a member of any
Communist front group. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] resides with her husband [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She was born in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and arrived in the United States at San Francisco on July 30, 1941, proceeding from Shanghai, China. [REDACTED] is not an American citizen and prior to her marriage to [REDACTED] in May, 1944, she was a film and screen magazine writer. As far as is known, [REDACTED] is not a Communist, and there is no information indicating association with Russian activities.

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[REDACTED] is a Russian War Relief official at Long Beach, California, and operates a jewelry store at [REDACTED] in Long Beach. b1/b

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The writer of the anonymous Russian letter received at the Bureau in [REDACTED] asserts: [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] The most significant activity in the fields of military and industrial espionage has been centered around ARTHUR ADAMS and his circle of associates. Some of these, such as VICTORIA STONE, JULIUS HELMAN, [REDACTED], and LEON JOSEPHSON are known to have been closely associated with known Soviet espionage agents operating in the United States in former years. (u) b7

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NEW YORK, CHICAGO, AND CLEVELAND

ADAMS-HISKEY SITUATION

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ARTHUR ADAMS has directed his efforts toward securing confidential information relative to the latest developments in the work being done on the closely guarded secret of the DSM Project. He has been assisted in this effort by CLARENCE HISKEY, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], who were at one time employed by the Project in Chicago. From information developed thus far it appears that ARTHUR ADAMS is the most dangerous espionage agent yet discovered in the Comintern Apparatus. Proof has been obtained that some of the vital secrets of the DSM Project have been disclosed to him. Nor have his espionage efforts been limited to this project, for his connection with [REDACTED] compels the belief that drawings of the precision instruments manufactured by Sperry Gyroscope Company for the United States Government have been revealed to ADAMS. Background material identifying ADAMS and his cohorts will be set forth following the narrative of their espionage intrigue. (u)

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Surveillance has disclosed that, while [REDACTED] was still employed at the DSM Project, he was very friendly with one [REDACTED], Chicago, [REDACTED] is employed at the [REDACTED]. On August 31, 1944, [REDACTED] was a restaurant operated by [REDACTED]. present in [REDACTED] restaurant and was observed in discussion with [REDACTED]. Also present at this discussion was [REDACTED], who has previously entered this investigation as an associate of STEVE NELSON in California, an active Communist and veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Another associate of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED], a Japanese-American employed in Chicago at the [REDACTED]. It is of interest that, although [REDACTED] is a skilled technician in bio-chemistry, photo-micrography, physics and radio-active indicators, the [REDACTED] deals with the science of the meaning and development of words. (S)(u)

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It will be seen later that these two, along with JULIUS HEIMAN, play an important part in the intrigues centering around ADAMS, and it is probable that ADAMS discussed the results of his Chicago trip with them. (S)(u)

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For on October 25, 1944, ADAMS was observed to enter the residence of ARONOFF, 29 East 11th Street, New York City. Shortly thereafter, ARONOFF was observed to emerge from his residence with an unidentified man and woman, possibly VICTORIA STONE and JULIUS HEIMAN.

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[REDACTED] (c)

Another cohort of ADAMS in New York is [REDACTED], who was first seen in company with ADAMS on September 20, 1944. On this occasion ADAMS was observed to enter 29 East 11th Street (the residence of JACOB ARONOFF) with his own key. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] entered. When they emerged a few minutes later, both [REDACTED] and ADAMS were carrying large heavy boxes which they placed in the automobile driven by [REDACTED] ADAMS at a previous date had brought these boxes to this address. The automobile driven by [REDACTED] was registered to [REDACTED], New York City. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with one [REDACTED] occupy rooms [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], where they list their occupation as tax consultants for the Interborough Industrial Corporation, a concern now defunct. (S)(u)

On numerous occasions subsequent to this incident, ADAMS has been observed to let himself into 29 East 11th Street where he always remained. (S)(u)

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It is here noted that ADAMS has contacted [REDACTED] a physician; [REDACTED] employee living at the above address; [REDACTED] At the present time these individuals do not appear to be significant to the investigation. (u)

BACKGROUND OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS (u) c

ARTHUR ADAMS

What we know of ARTHUR ADAMS' personal history is of particular interest because it appears to be largely a fabrication designed to conceal the facts of his background and occupation. He resides at the Peter Cooper Hotel, 130 East 39th Street, New York City. He claims Canadian citizenship by virtue of birth at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on May 4, 1890. However, records at Toronto failed to reflect this birth until October 2, 1936, at which time a declaration of birth was made before M. S. MILESTONE, notary public. MILESTONE is a secret member of the Communist Party of Canada, and it appears probable that the declaration made before him is fictitious. ADAMS has no living relatives or family connections that are known, nor has his previous employment or Communist Party membership been established. He entered the United States at Buffalo, New York, on May 17, 1938. It will be recalled that ADAMS held himself out to [REDACTED] as an authority on employment opportunities in Russia. (u) b7c

ADAMS keeps in his room a considerable library on engineering, chemistry, and physics, including books on radar, hydraulics, aviation, electronics, nuclear physics and atomics. He subscribes to a great number of technical magazines and has extensive camera equipment of the finest quality.

JULIUS HEIMAN (u)

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[REDACTED] (c)
HEIMAN resides with his wife, NELLIE HEIMAN, at the Hotel Esplanade 305 West End Avenue, New York City. He is an American citizen by virtue of naturalization, born August 21, 1881, at Wilno, Russia, of Russian-Jewish parents. He is secretary-treasurer of the VICTORIA STONE Jewelry Corporation (u)

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for a considerable period of time. On one of these visits, ADAMS took to this address an instrument called a "sound scribe," which he left there. (X)(u)

ADAMS did not limit his espionage activity to the DSM Project. The Soviet Union has expressed an interest in the precision instruments manufactured by the Sperry Gyroscope Company, and there is evidence that ADAMS may have secured this information from a former employee of the company named [REDACTED]. It has been established that [REDACTED] received \$1000 from ADAMS in August, 1944. [REDACTED] was employed by the [REDACTED] from 1940 to 1942. From April to August, 1942, he was employed as an [REDACTED] making training films for the [REDACTED]. From August, 1942, until April, 1944, [REDACTED] was engaged at the Sperry Gyroscope Company in Brooklyn making "exploded screw drawings" of all of their instruments to be included in the parts list used by the armed forces in the field for servicing, repairing and maintaining instruments in actual service. He is presently conducting his own business doing work of a similar nature which consists of the preparation of manuals for the armed forces to assist them in the maintenance and repair of precision instruments such as those manufactured by Sperry. He is working under contract with the United States Government. (X)(u) b7c

A further connection between ARTHUR ADAMS and others who have previously entered this investigation was revealed in July, 1944, when a check of ADAMS' bank account revealed that he had written a check for \$35.00 to [REDACTED]. On November 5, 1943, while BORIS MORROS was in New York, surveillance revealed that he and his wife entered a building bearing the address [REDACTED] and stayed for approximately one hour. MORROS is known to have been the recipient of several letters having the return address of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a wealthy eye specialist and a sponsor of the League of American Writers. He is associated in a business venture with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the financing and promoting of the manufacture of the Bren gun. This group had acquired a contract for the exclusive rights to manufacture in the United States the improved type of Bren gun now used by the British Army and an option to secure the sole American manufacturing rights for all other Bren products, including the anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns. Another individual connected in this organization with [REDACTED] is one M. G. KAHN, now alleged to be in the motion picture business, who was arrested in 1919 for smuggling large quantities of jewels into the United States from Russia. It will be recalled that JULIUS HEIMAN was later alleged to be active in smuggling jewels from the Soviet Union into this country, the proceeds from the sale of which were used to finance Comintern activities in the United States. The reason for contacts between ARTHUR ADAMS and [REDACTED] or BORIS MORROS and [REDACTED] has not yet been established by investigation. (X)(u) b7c

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of which VICTORIA STONE is president. HEILMAN's daughter, [REDACTED], was reported to have formerly been employed in the Russian Embassy at Washington, D. C., where she acted as the confidential secretary to the Russian Ambassador. It is alleged that, in this position, she acted as a link between the Soviet Embassy and the Communist Party and is a very close friend of VICTORIA STONE. She is believed to be presently employed by the Tass News Agency in Washington, D. C. (u)

As long ago as 1920, HEILMAN was engaged in subversive activity for the benefit of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union. At that time he is alleged by reliable informants to have been active in supplying the Communist Party with funds which he secured from the conversion of jewels supplied to him by Russia for this purpose. It was reported that VICTORIA STONE actively assisted HEILMAN in this role. He later played an important part in the system organized for the transmission of money by cable in large amounts, which money was turned over to the Communist Party by HEILMAN in order that the Party might not be jeopardized. HEILMAN's membership in the Communist Party was kept secret although it was known that he had access to the highest officials in the Party. (u)

In 1935, HEILMAN visited Dr. VALENTINE GREGORY BURTAN who was then incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary for having distributed counterfeit currency made in the Soviet Union. It was about this time that VICTORIA STONE was attempting to enlist legal aid for BURTAN's release. (u)

VICTORIA SINGER STONE

Physical surveillance reflects that ADAMS' principal contact in New York City is VICTORIA SINGER STONE, who resides at Apartment 9-E, 39 West 55th Street. She conducts a business known as the VICTORIA STONE Jewelry Corporation at 510 Madison Avenue. ADAMS visits STONE almost daily at her apartment or place of business. It has been observed that they frequently spend considerable time examining papers and documents which ADAMS brings with him. STONE seldom has visitors at her apartment other than ADAMS, to whom she has referred as her brother. (u)

STONE is approximately 35 to 40 years of age, is reported to have been born in Montreal, Canada, and is of Jewish extraction. It is believed that she became a citizen of the United States through the naturalization of her father, one Dr. SINGER. For a period of time in the 1930's she lived with a HARRY STONE, assuming his name. She is reported to be a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

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[REDACTED], who was closely associated with VICTORIA STONE in the 1930's, reported that she was a member of the OGPU at that time, and a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. He asserted that she had received direct communications from Moscow. (u) b7c

VICTORIA STONE solicited [REDACTED] aid in attempting to secure legal services for a person believed to be Dr. VALENTINE GREGORY BURTAN, convicted of distributing counterfeit currency made in Russia, and confined to Leavenworth. STONE advised [REDACTED] that the party handling this individual's case could name his own fee; however, she did not disclose the source from which payment would be made. b7c

She has closely associated with such individuals as EARL BROWDER, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], ROY HUDSON, and other high Party officials. She is a close associate of [REDACTED], whose connections can be traced to both GEORGE MINK and GERHART EISLER. [REDACTED] b7c b1

On one occasion it was observed that ADAMS probably turned over to STONE the amount of \$1000, inasmuch as ADAMS was seen to withdraw this amount from the bank, place it in a brief case, and proceed to the VICTORIA STONE Jewelry Store where he opened the briefcase and both were seen to examine its contents. When ADAMS left the store the briefcase was observed to be empty. From observation of the numerous contacts between ADAMS and STONE, none appeared to be of a legitimate business nature. (u) b7c

LEON JOSEPHSON

JOSEPHSON is of interest here due to his connection with PHILIP M. LEVY of South Orange, New Jersey, and VICTORIA STONE of New York. He is the owner of the Cafe Society night club at 1 Sheridan Square, New York City, and was formerly a lawyer in New Jersey.

JOSEPHSON's history discloses that he was a member of the Socialist Party in the United States before the World War, and a member of the Workers Party thereafter. In 1935 he was arrested in Copenhagen, Denmark, along with GEORGE MINK for espionage on behalf of the Soviet. A passport issued to AL GOTTLIEB was found in the possession of these men at the time of their arrest, and it is believed that JOSEPHSON is identical with GOTTLIEB.

JOSEPHSON has been known also in his capacity as a lawyer. He defended FRED BEAL, former international operative of the Comintern for his part in the murder case arising out of the textile riots in Gastonia, North Carolina. (u) b7c

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Carolina, which resulted in the death of the Chief of Police of Gastonia. BEAL had jumped his bail and fled to the USSR to avoid trial. When he finally returned to the United States and stood trial, the International Labor Defense employed JOSEPHSON to defend him. [REDACTED] b7c

X CLARENCE FRANCIS HISKEY, alias
Clarence Szczechowski, Zoga Schowskie

HISKEY is presently an officer of the United States Army, entering on active duty status in May, 1944. He is an American citizen, born June 5, 1912, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is married to MARCIA SANDS HISKEY, who resides at 618 Marlborough Road, Brooklyn, New York. He is the holder of M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees from the University of Wisconsin and was employed as a scientist at the DSH Project in Chicago until his assignment to active duty in the army.

HISKEY's direct affiliation with the Communist Party has not been ascertained; however, he is unquestionably a Communist sympathizer and is pro-Soviet in his views. He was active in the Communist-controlled Teachers Union and on the staff of the "Faculty Communist" at the University of Wisconsin. He is known to have closely associated with Communist Party functionaries.

JACOB BROCHES ARONOFF

ARONOFF resides at 29 East 11th Street, New York City, an address frequently used by ADAIS, and is engaged in the practice of law in New York. He became a naturalized American citizen in 1922, and was born March 26, 1896, at Lodz, Poland-Russia. He entered the United States at New York on June 6, 1905, and is a graduate of Columbia University and Fordham University School of Law.

ARONOFF at one time acted as attorney for ADAIS, and they were formerly associated in a business called Technological Laboratories. From 1932 to 1936 ARONOFF made frequent trips to Toronto, Canada. During this period, it is believed that ADAIS was residing in Canada, and it appears probable that ARONOFF may have been instrumental in assisting ADAIS in securing the suspicious birth certificate on October 2, 1936. (u)

PHILIP H. LEVY

LEVY resides at 257 Kingsland Terrace, South Orange, New Jersey. His citizenship has not been determined, but he was born March 15, 1893, in

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Russia. He is a textile merchant, president of the Federated Trading Corporation, 66 Leonard Street, New York City. His wife is HANNAH S. LEVY, and he has a brother using the name JACOB LEVY CIVIAN.

LEVY is believed to have been an underground member of the Communist Party for many years, and his connections can be traced to LEON JOSEPHSON and GEORGE MINK. Recent information has been obtained indicating that LEVY is either an agent of the NKVD or closely connected and thoroughly trusted by that organization. (u)

Major BENJAMIN FRANK MILLER and
Mrs. ZELMA FRANK MILLER

Mrs. MILLER resides at 9005 Seneca Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, and is employed at the Naval Medical Research Laboratories, Bethesda. She is married to Major BENJAMIN FRANK MILLER, who has also been involved in the investigation of ADAMS' associates, and is presently a tuberculosis patient at Bedford Hills, New York. Major MILLER is an American citizen born of Polish parents in 1907 at Pittsburg, Massachusetts. He was educated as a medical doctor at Harvard and MIT. Mrs. MILLER is described as a capable chemist educated at the University of Pittsburgh where she obtained her Ph.D. She was employed by the University of Chicago for five years, and for three years for the Bio-Chemical Research Foundation at Philadelphia, as well as a year for the Albany Medical School. Mrs. MILLER has been associated with several Communist front groups.

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]
and has an office at [REDACTED] in that city where she practices medicine. She was educated at [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]
She is presently clinical assistant in medicine at [REDACTED]
cardiologist at [REDACTED] and is doing research in the cardio-vascular department of [REDACTED]. She is active in the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and is a member of the Communist Political Association.

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[REDACTED] until April, 1944, employed by [REDACTED]
is the payee of a \$1000 check issued by ARTHUR ADAMS on August 9, 1944.
ADAMS also visited [REDACTED] at the latter's place of business on September 6, 1944. (u)

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[REDACTED] resides with his wife, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He operates his own business at [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen, born in [REDACTED]. His parents were both born in Russia. [REDACTED] was notorious for her Communist activity as long ago as 1941, when she was employed in the WPA art project in New York. [REDACTED] Communist affiliations have not been established. b7c

PREVIOUS SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES (u)

Striking parallels exist between Soviet Espionage of former years and the present modus operandi of the Comintern Apparatus. The activities of ALFRED TILTON, WALTER KRIVITSKY, NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, GAIK OVAKIMIAN, and their cohorts serve as a fitting precursor to the current conspiracy involving ARTHUR ADAMS, [REDACTED] and those associated with them in the Comrap b1 case. Not only are the methods of operation similar, many of the men who rendered assistance to agents of the OGPU have entered the current investigation in a similar capacity. (u)

ALFRED TILTON, with aliases, was one of the first of a procession of Soviet espionage agents to operate in this country. TILTON came to the United States sometime in 1926. Soon after, he had enlisted the aid of NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, then a high official in the Communist Party. With DOZENBERG's aid, TILTON secured in 1929 a fictitious Canadian birth certificate. During this period the Soviet Government was hard pressed for foreign credits, and the OGPU, rather than curtail its activities abroad, devised a scheme for the passing of counterfeit currency. This scheme is said to have been originated by TILTON, whose chief American assistant was NICHOLAS DOZENBERG. In the early 1930's, TILTON was recalled to Russia to become military commander in White Russia. He is reported to have been liquidated in the Trotskyite purge, but this information has never been verified. At the outbreak of the Russo-Finnish War in 1939, MARIA MARTIN, TILTON's wife, was still serving a ten-year sentence in a Finnish prison after conviction in the early 1930's of Soviet espionage. (u)

NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, however, remained active until 1939. He has admitted to service as an espionage agent for the Soviet from 1928 to 1939, when his activities were terminated by his conviction as an accomplice in the EARL BROWDER passport fraud. Until 1927 he held a high post in the Communist Party, from which position he was detached to serve in a liaison capacity between OGPU and the Party. One of his admitted tasks was supervision of passport frauds; also, the obtaining of false birth records here and in Canada, and the securing of papers designed to establish fictitious identities (u)

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In 1928, DOZENBERG was trying to learn the secrets of the serialization on American \$100 bills. His efforts were evidently rewarded, as will be seen in the activity of Dr. VALENTINE GREGORY BURTAN a short time later. BURTAN was recruited by DOZENBERG in 1929 in the United States. In 1930 or 1931 these two became associated in the Rumanian-American Film Company, a cover for Soviet Intelligence activity in Rumania. During the course of these operations, DOZENBERG became short of funds and went to Berlin, where the world headquarters for Comintern activities were then located, to try to obtain assistance. As he himself explained it, he was unable to secure any money there and was instructed to go to New York City, where funds would be made available to him. Late in 1932, DOZENBERG's associate and assistant, BURTAN, was arrested in Chicago for attempting to pass \$100,000 in counterfeit American bills. (S)(u)

It has never been disclosed whether BURTAN, DOZENBERG, or some other agent originally brought the spurious funds into this country. At any rate, they were then in the possession of BURTAN, who conspired with HANS VON BUELOW, German alien, soldier of fortune and confidence man, to exchange the bills into genuine American currency through Chicago underworld characters. Neither DOZENBERG nor BURTAN has admitted the source of the bills or the details behind the conspiracy; but DOZENBERG has admitted that he was the intended recipient of at least a portion of the proceeds. (S)(u)

After BURTAN's arrest, MAX BEDACHT, now General Secretary of the International Workers Order, raised a fund, from unknown sources, to assist Mrs. BURTAN and her child. VICTORIA STONE, JULIUS HEIMAN, and [REDACTED] were active in attempting to arrange the release of BURTAN. STONE attempted to secure the services of an attorney for him, stating that he could name his own fee but refusing to disclose the source from which it would be paid. HEIMAN visited BURTAN at prison with [REDACTED], who admitted that he had "much to answer on that whole matter." Shortly before, HEIMAN had been engaged in smuggling jewels from Russia into the United States, where the proceeds of their sale were devoted to needs of the Comintern. STONE and HEIMAN are today associated in a jewelry business in New York where they are in almost daily contact with ARTHUR ADAMS. (S)(u) b7c b7c

DOZENBERG admitted that he was supposed to receive the money to be obtained by Dr. BURTAN in exchange for the counterfeits. After that deal collapsed with the arrest of BURTAN, DOZENBERG transferred the scene of his activity to China, where he operated from 1934 to 1937 under the name of N. L. DALLANT. From there he was transferred to Japan, the Philippines, and finally in 1938 back to Washington, D. C. Shortly thereafter, DOZENBERG's international activities came to an abrupt end when his assistance to EARL (S)(u)

BROWDER in the latter's passport fraud became known and he was sent to prison. He has since been released and is still in this country. (u)

With the collapse of Dr. BURTAN's efforts and DOZENBERG's transfer to China, the Soviet was forced to replace them with new agents. The groundwork for their activity had already been laid, however, and many of their contacts established. GAIK BADALOVICH OVAKIMIAN served as head of the OGPU espionage system in this country from 1933 to 1941. Investigation of his activities reflected widespread espionage by OGPU agents and numerous violations of Federal laws. Nearly all of these agents followed the pattern laid down by TILTON and since pursued by ADAMS in securing fictitious identities for themselves as either United States or Canadian citizens. Many established American commercial representations to cover their espionage activity. Amtorg Trading Corporation was used extensively as a cover by various Russian agents, and was considered as one source of pay-off funds and a channel for forwarding data to Russia. Today the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, with its increased personnel and widespread activity carrying its representatives into almost every port and industrial facility in the nation, and its access to large funds made available by American taxpayers through Lend-Lease, is the successor to Amtorg. (u)

Leading American and Canadian Communists made their appearance as contacts of OVAKIMIAN and his cohorts. When OVAKIMIAN was finally arrested in 1941, he claimed diplomatic immunity and was permitted to return to Russia. When the arrangements were made for his return, NILA MAGIDOFF, among others, was sent to the United States in exchange. [REDACTED] b1 [c]

[REDACTED] Investigation of the OVAKIMIAN case indicated that none of the actual paid agents of the Russian espionage system were American Communists at that time. Instances were noted of deliberate efforts or instructions for key men to disassociate themselves from any Communist activity. Important Communists who seem to sever their connections with the Party should therefore be regarded with considerable suspicion. It was apparent, moreover, that the services of American and Canadian Communists were utilized by the espionage apparatus in procuring passports, birth and naturalization papers, establishing commercial fronts, securing good contacts and acting as intermediaries for OGPU agents, and otherwise rendering necessary services for the operations of the actual agents. It was indicated that [REDACTED] b1 [c]

[REDACTED] and that Russian ships touching American ports were a means of transporting espionage communications and Soviet espionage agents. (u)

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NEW YORK ESPIONAGE NETWORK, CONTINUED

SELEN MARKOVICH SELENOV, alias
Semen Semenov, Semion M. Seminov,
S. M. Seminov, Semen Semromov

(u)

SELENOV departed for Russia on September 30, 1944, and is believed to be in Moscow at the present time. While attached to the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, he resided at 25 Chittenden Avenue and 46 West 95th Street, both New York City, with his wife and two children. He was born March 1, 1911, at Odessa, Russia, and is a Russian citizen. He was first admitted to the United States on January 18, 1938, as a student, attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a B.S. Degree in June, 1940. On April 12, 1941, he left the United States for Panama, and was re-admitted from Panama on April 30, 1941, as Purchasing Agent for Machinimport. On September 17, 1941, his status was changed to that of a Soviet Government official. SELENOV is married to GLAFIRA MIKHAILOVNA SELENOVA who was, during the family's residence in New York, in charge of the photostat department of Amtorg Trading Company, New York City. SELENOV was listed as head of the Engineering Department, Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, with offices in E. B. Badger Company, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, and also at Amtorg Trading Company, 210 Madison Avenue. It was also reported that he carried the title of Assistant Chief of the Department of Industrial Installations of the Soviet Government. (u)

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[PAVEL PANTELEYMONOVICH KLARIN, alias
Pavel Pantelymoinevich Klarin, Paul Klarine]

(u)

KLARIN, a Russian citizen, resided at 11 East 61st Street, New York, New York, while Vice Consul of the Soviet Consulate at New York City. He was born August 15, 1903, at Izum, Kharkov, Russia, and is married to KLAVDIA KLARUNA KLARIN, by whom he has two daughters. KLARIN became Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy at Mexico City in March, 1944, after having served as Vice Consul of the Consulate of the USSR at New York City from February, 1940. On July 26, 1944, KLARIN and his family departed for Russia.

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[SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV] (u)

LUKIANOV resides in New York City with his wife, EUGENIA PETROVNA LUKIANOV, and his son, [REDACTED] born in 1940. He was born June 27, 1910, in Kharkov, Russia, and is a Russian citizen. His activities prior to 1937 are unknown, but from 1937 to 1941, he was a repair inspection engineer for (u)

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Narkomvotlot at Moscow. On May 8, 1942, he was granted a visa by the United States Consul General in London, England, and arrived at the Port of New York on June 19, 1942, aboard the SS MYRMIDON as a repair and inspection engineer of Soviet vessels in the United States, employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission. He now is a representative of the Russian Purchasing Commission at the Port of New York and Philadelphia and assistant to VASSILI ZUBILIN in the Military and Naval Information Service. His last-recorded address with the State Department as of June, 1942, was the Hotel Prince George, 28th Street, New York City. (u)

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[REDACTED] (c) b1

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are brothers who operate the b7
[REDACTED] a publishing business at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and his wife [REDACTED] reside in an apartment
at the same address, while [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], Russia, but claims Swedish citizenship, entering the United States on Swedish papers on December 3, 1939. He filed a declaration of intention to become a United States citizen, but later executed an application for relief from military service.

[REDACTED] has reported that he holds a civil engineering b7
degree from the University of [REDACTED] and has held positions as a woodpulp engineer and chemist in the paper industry, in camouflage work, and as a translator. He speaks Swedish, Russian, French, Spanish, and English. [REDACTED] has been employed briefly as a translator and adviser on the Swedish-language edition of [REDACTED], and as sales representative for commercial artists.

It is not known whether these brothers are Communists, but it is known that many of their associates and contacts are Communists. In March, 1943, [REDACTED] was known to be contacting various Communists in Santa Fe, b7
New Mexico. This is significant because of the proximity of one of the DSM installations. At this time he was living with [REDACTED], who is reported to be financing Communist activities in Santa Fe. (X) u

In August, 1941, [REDACTED], former Communist, indicated b7
that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were OGPU agents. She further indicated that these men had on several occasions attempted to contact her brother, JOSEPH FREEMAN, who has often been suspected as a contact of OGPU agents. b7
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[REDACTED]

There is set forth below information concerning various individuals located in the New York area who might be regarded as possibly being used in the general Comintern espionage network. (S) u

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a Soviet citizen, resides at [REDACTED] and is a clerk at the USSR Consulate. [REDACTED] He was born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], USSR, and arrived in the United States at San Pedro, California, on February 4, 1941. His wife's name is [REDACTED] was a Communist in Soviet Russia under the name of [REDACTED]. (S) u

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a Soviet citizen, resides at [REDACTED] and is employed as a clerk at the USSR Consulate in New York. He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and arrived in the United States at San Francisco, California, on February 20, 1941. He recently married [REDACTED], a student at Columbia University who arrived in this country on September 25, 1943. (S) u

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[REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] as of October, 1943; his previous residence was [REDACTED]. He is employed at Amtorg Trading Corporation, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] a Soviet citizen, was born [REDACTED] in Russia. He, with his wife, [REDACTED] and son, entered the United States March 14, 1943, as an official Soviet Government representative destined to Amtorg in New York City. His official status is engineer, Department of Sales, Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City, in which capacity he has been employed since March 21, 1943. (u)

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COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK IN THE CHICAGO AREA (S) u

An important installation of the DSM Project is located at the University of Chicago. Espionage activity in the Chicago area has largely centered around attempts to gain information concerning progress of the experiments at this installation. ARTHUR ADAMS, probably the most dangerous espionage agent yet developed in the Comintern Apparatus, was first uncovered through his contacts with DSM employees in Chicago. [REDACTED] Refer 1/2

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (c) both DSM Project employees in Chicago, have rendered assistance to ADAMS in furtherance of his espionage conspiracy. [REDACTED] employee at ROSE KAPLAN's Spic'N'Span Grill, has been observed to be friendly with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a Japanese who is a skilled technician in bio-chemistry, photo-micrography, and radio-active indicators, is, curiously enough, employed by [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] which deals with the development of the meaning of words. [REDACTED] acquired experience in espionage as an agent of the Intelligence Service in the Czarist Russian government during the first World War. He has long been an advocate of Communism. (S) u

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)

The most interesting suspect remaining in the Chicago area at the present time is [REDACTED] This individual, prominent in Communist front activities in Chicago, has recently been observed to visit ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, leading [REDACTED] suspect, and VICTORIA STONE. Her association with these two individuals suggests that she may be close to the vortex of the espionage conspiracy in Chicago. (S) u b7c

WILLIAM FREDERICK KRUSE, now head of the Films Division of Bell and Howell Company in Chicago, has in the past been a student at the Lenin Institute in Moscow. He was instrumental in securing for NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, admitted Soviet military intelligence agent, the Bell and Howell agency in China and the Philippines which served as his cover for espionage activity from 1935 to 1938. KRUSE still associates with known Communists and is active in Front activities. It is perhaps significant that he has ostensibly severed his connection with the Communist Party. (S) u

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is employed as an [REDACTED] instructor at the University of [REDACTED] with offices in the [REDACTED]. At the inception of this case, he was residing in New York City and maintained an office in [REDACTED] and at that time was employed as an investigator for the [REDACTED] under the sponsorship of [REDACTED]. In this capacity he travelled extensively throughout the United States interviewing veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on a research project dealing with fear psychology of soldiers in combat duty. He is unmarried, having divorced [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He is reportedly a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. [REDACTED] is a Russian alien born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED] Russia, of Jewish parents. He falsely declared in his application for citizenship at Chicago in 1939 that he had first entered the United States June 3, 1939, whereas Immigration records disclosed that he first entered the United States December 21, 1934. He was educated at [REDACTED], 1932-1933; [REDACTED], 1935-1936, graduating with a B.A. Degree in foreign languages. For a brief period in 1936 he was enrolled in the [REDACTED] of the University of [REDACTED] but apparently left this position to go to Spain. He re-enrolled in this department and graduated in December, 1942, with an A.M. Degree.

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] arrived in San Francisco May 17, 1943, and remained until June 7, 1943, during which time he associated with STEVE NELSON, LOUISE BRANSTEN, BERNADETTE DOYLE, and other suspects in this case. The ostensible purpose of his presence in San Francisco was to conduct interviews with veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and investigation substantiated the fact that this was at least the primary purpose of his trip, although other activity may have been incident to it. (S) [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was observed to meet with STEVE NELSON on several occasions, and these meetings were conducted in a suspicious manner, but the matters they discussed are not known. It is also known that in addition to association with BRANSTEN in San Francisco, [REDACTED] also contacted her on December 19, 1943, when she was passing through Chicago by train. It is also known that [REDACTED] was in contact with BRANSTEN when both were in New York City. (u)

Observation of ROSE KAPLAN's Spic'N'Span Cafe on the evening of August 31, 1944, disclosed the following significant meeting between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on that occasion. [REDACTED] was at that time still an employee of the DSM Project in Chicago. A group of two white men, a negro man, two negro girls, and a white girl entered this restaurant, and all appeared to be personally acquainted with [REDACTED] an employee at this cafe who has previously been identified as a friend of [REDACTED] and possibly other DSM employees. On that occasion, [REDACTED] was present in the restaurant and immediately joined the group. [REDACTED] was also present, and he, too, joined the others. All were served dinner at one large table, and conversed freely as though well acquainted. After the others had left, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] departed separately. (u)

[REDACTED], upon his arrival in the United States on June 3, 1939, was accompanied by one [REDACTED] an unmarried woman 22 years of age who stated she was born in [REDACTED], and who claimed Chilean citizenship through her father. This citizenship is denied by Chilean officials. Investigation discloses that one [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED], employed on the DSM Project at Berkeley, California. [REDACTED] was also employed on the Project at Berkeley. They are now located at the New Mexico branch of the Project.

Also of possible significance is the fact that there appears in the files of the Immigration Service a letter from J. R. OPPENHEIMER dated February 6, 1943, requesting the expeditious granting of citizenship to [REDACTED]

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ROSE KAPLAN, alias
Rose Kay, Rose Gold

KAPLAN is proprietor of the Spic'N'Span Cafe, 1321 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and resides at 5522 South Kimbark Street. She is believed to be a naturalized citizen born of Russian-Jewish parents September 18, 1903, in Russia. She is reported to be married to [REDACTED] b7C
negro employee at the restaurant. KAPLAN is an active member of the Ben Franklin Branch, Communist Political Association in Chicago, and is believed identical with the ROSE KAPLAN who was for many years prominent in Communist activities in New York and was at one time nominated as a delegate from the Food Workers Industrial Union of the Trade Union Unity League to attend the Fifth World Conference in Moscow.

A significant meeting between [REDACTED] DSM employee, b7C
and [REDACTED] occurred in KAPLAN's restaurant on August 31, 1944. KAPLAN is alleged to be acquainted with several of the DSM employees and may be securing information from them relating to the progress of their experiments. [REDACTED] is known to be very friendly with [REDACTED], who in turn, was a frequent contact of ARTHUR ADAMS. (S)(u)

[REDACTED] a citizen of the United States, resides at [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] and is employed as a chef at the Spic'N'Span Cafe, 1321 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. There is some doubt as to the date of his birth, as he has at various times stated he was born on [REDACTED] and on [REDACTED]. He is a known Communist and claims to have received a Master of Arts degree from [REDACTED] University, [REDACTED]. He is reported to have spent thirteen years in Mexico studying art. He was at one time employed as a waiter in the dining car department of the [REDACTED], but was discharged because of his "anti-everything attitude and his extreme disrespect of everyone". This attitude reached its peak when a "no tip" rule was invoked as to members of the Armed Forces, and [REDACTED] reaction to the rule was so violent and his language so vile as to cause his immediate dismissal.

X On August 31, 1944, [REDACTED] was contacted at the Spic'N'Span cafe b7C
by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in the cafe at the same time
and was noted conversing with [REDACTED] in a manner to indicate they were
intimate friends. (S)(u)

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SYLVIA BLOOM, alias
Sylvia Arnstein, Sylvia Blake

SYLVIA BLOOM resides at 712 West Grace Street, Chicago, Illinois. Her husband, EDWARD BLOOM, is employed as chief clerk at the Loewenthal Metal Corporation, 947 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois. Her husband is reported to have conducted a school for Communist Party leaders at Des Plaines, Illinois, in March, 1944, and SYLVIA BLOOM is a former instructor at the Abraham Lincoln School, a Communist Party front in Chicago. She has likewise been reported as having been active in Communist Party affairs in Peoria, Illinois.

During the course of a physical surveillance at the residence of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, Mount Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, an unidentified man and a woman subsequently identified as SYLVIA BLOOM were observed to arrive at the residence of BITTELMAN on the afternoon of May 19, 1944. After a three-hour conference at BITTELMAN's residence, they proceeded to New York City by train. (u)

Upon arriving in New York SYLVIA BLOOM and her unidentified companion proceeded from Grand Central Station directly to the business office of Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, located in the Paramount Hotel, New York City. The unidentified man was carrying a black leather zipper briefcase, which he apparently left at the Diamond Horseshoe office. After leaving the Diamond Horseshoe office at 11:15 P.M. on May 19, 1944, SYLVIA BLOOM was observed to proceed alone to Apartment D-11, 68 West 238th Street, Bronx, New York, the address of one L. ARONOFF. (u)

On May 24, 1944, SYLVIA BLOOM was observed to depart from the above address at 10:00 A.M. and to proceed to the offices of the Communist Political Association, New York City, where she remained for forty minutes. At 12:45 P.M. of the same day she entered the jewelry store of VICTORIA STONE, INC., 510 Madison Avenue, Manhattan. She was greeted in a friendly fashion by a woman who has been subsequently identified as probably VICTORIA STONE, the proprietor of the store. SYLVIA BLOOM remained at the jewelry store for approximately fifty minutes and left, accompanied by the woman believed to be VICTORIA STONE, with whom she had luncheon and who later accompanied her to Grand Central Station, where SYLVIA BLOOM boarded a train for Chicago, Illinois. (u)

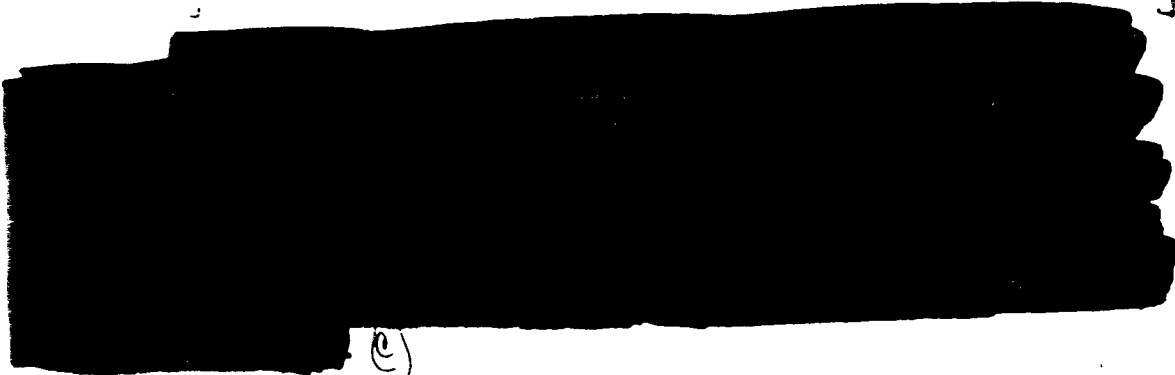
In connection with the address [REDACTED] b7
[REDACTED], it has been ascertained that a telephone at this address is listed to [REDACTED], who may be related to JACOB EROCHES ARONOFF, who is a close associate of ARTHUR ADAMS and a friend of VICTORIA STONE. (u)

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LEO MAX NELLIS, alias
Leo Nisniewitsch, Leon Nellis


NELLIS resides with his wife, TANIA, at 2613 West Berwyn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as manager of the Wine and Spirits Division of the College Inn Products Company, 125-131 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois. NELLIS was born on October 31, 1889, in Minsk, Russia; he claims to be a naturalized American citizen. NELLIS is active in a number of Communist fronts in the Chicago area, but is not known to be a Communist Party member.



ALFRED KORZYBSKI, alias
Count Alfred De Korzybski

KORZYBSKI is the operator of the General Institute of Semantics, 1232 East 56th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Before and during a part of the World War I he was an agent of the Intelligence Service of the Czarist Russian Government. Shortly after the beginning of World War I, KORZYBSKI came to the United States as a military expert examining ammunition and raw materials. Following the 1918 armistice he worked in this country as an educator, psychiatrist and writer.

KORZYBSKI is reported as a Polish Communist, who with his wife, Lady EDGERLY KORZYBSKI, left New York City in 1922 enroute to Poland. Before his departure on this trip he informed friends in Los Angeles, California, that it would be "his highest aim to propagate Communist ideas in Poland"; that he would do everything within his power to bring about friendly relations between Poland and Soviet Russia, with a view toward implementing the collapse of the reactionary Polish Government.

KORZYBSKI first came to attention as a result of his association with, and his employment of,  at the General Institute of

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Semantics at Chicago as a laboratory assistant. The employment of [REDACTED], a skilled technician, bio-chemist, physicist, photo-micrographer, and technician in radio-active indicators, in matters pertaining to semantics (the science of the meaning and the sense development of words) would seem unusual in view of the difference in the fields of endeavor. b2

KORZYBSKI is reported to have escorted Mrs. ELLA REEVE BLOOR, leader in early Communist activity in this country, to a dinner given in honor of UPTON SINCLAIR.

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WILLIAM FREDERICK KRUSE, alias
William Tha Kruse, William
Henry Kruse, Bill Kruse

KRUSE resides at 1844 Bertav Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with his wife, AUGUSTA W. KRUSE, and is employed as Head of the Films Division of the Bell & Howell Company. KRUSE states he was born November 10, 1894, at Hoboken, New Jersey. A reliable informant of the New York office stated that when he arrived in Moscow on May 21, 1927, he met "BILL" KRUSE, who was a student at the Lenin Institute. When the informant returned to Russia in 1928, KRUSE was still there. (S)(u)

KRUSE was admittedly a member of the Communist Party prior to 1929, but claims to have severed all connections after that time. He still is associating with Communists and is active in a number of front activities.

WILLIAM F. KRUSE was mentioned by NICHOLAS DOZENBERG, the former Soviet military intelligence agent, as the person who had made arrangements with the Bell & Howell Company for DOZENBERG to represent that concern in Tientsin, China, and the Philippine Islands between 1935 and 1939. DOZENBERG established the sales agency which was utilized as a cover for his activities as well as for those of other Soviet military intelligence agencies. (S)(u)

HARRY HENRY JACOBSON, alias
John Henry Jacobson

JACOBSON resides at 23 South 21st Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, and is employed as a toolmaker at the Buick Airplane Motor Plant, Melrose Park, Illinois. He was born September 5, 1894 (or 1893), Riga, Russia, and is believed to have been naturalized in Chicago, Illinois, on July 9, 1919, as JOHN HENRY JACOBSON. He is married to SELMA JACOBSON and is known to have one child, age 25. Prior to 1943 he reportedly worked for the United Steel Workers of America, CIO. He is an active Communist and has corresponded on several occasions for unknown purpose with CHARLES DIRBA, another suspect in this case.

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In the anonymous letter received by the Bureau
the following statement appeared:

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ANDREI IVANOVICH SCHEVCHENKO, alias
Andry Schevchenko, _____ Shevchenko

SCHEVCHENKO, a Russian citizen born at Kharkov, Russia, November 24, 1906, resides at 26 Delwood Road, Kenmore, New York, and since July, 1942, has been employed as an engineer by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, maintaining an office in the administration building of the Bell Aircraft Corporation, Wheatfield, New York. Limited information concerning his background is available; however, it is known that he received extensive technical education in aerodynamics in Russia. He is married to ANTONINA ALEXEEVNA SCHEVCHENKO, by whom he has a son, [REDACTED] born in [REDACTED] SCHEVCHENKO entered the United States at New York, New York, June 19, 1942. (c)(u) b7/

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CARL MARTIN HERZOG

HERZOG, a United States Citizen, born July 1, 1911 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, resides at 100 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, New York, and has been employed at Bell Aircraft, Buffalo, since February 6, 1940 as template maker, tool planner and photographer. From 1933 to 1939 he was employed as a draftsman in factories #89 and #39 in Moscow, Russia. He was an avowed Communist in 1940.

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HERZOG's father, FRANK R. HERZOG, was a member of the Communist Party as early as 1919 and in 1925 or 1926 he ran for City Councilman of Buffalo on the Communist Party ticket. In 1928 he went to Russia where he was employed as an engineer, his family joining him in 1929. He is reported to have died in Russia. Mrs. HERZOG returned to the United States and presently resides at 20 Hempstead Street, Buffalo, New York.

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FRANK HERZOG, CARL's brother, age about 34, resides at 1002 Madison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, and is in charge of the Milton Hill Photographers, Wilmington. He married in Russia in 1934 and in 1936, after a trip from Russia to Finland, he was vigorously questioned by NKVD agents. Among other things they interrogated him closely about other members of his family. His permit to live in Russia was then revoked and he was forced to return to the United States, but his wife and small daughter were detained in Russia for some three years before they were permitted to join him in the United States. (S)(u)

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SOVIET-COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK
IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

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There are indications pointing to a number of Soviet officials in the Washington area who may be cooperating with the Comintern Apparatus.

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VASSILI GEORGEVICH DOLGOV

(S) u

DOLGOV, a Soviet citizen, formerly resided at 119 Wooten Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and was employed at the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. He was born April 22, 1914, in the USSR, is married and has one child. DOLGOV attended Cmsk University and graduated in 1939 and after graduation worked for the Peoples Commissariat of Foreign Affairs. On April 5, 1943, he assumed the duties of Attache in Charge of the Consular Division of the Soviet Embassy at Washington, D. C., which position he maintained until January of 1944 when he returned to Russia. (S) u

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[VASSILI D. MIRCNOV, alias
"Markov"]

(c)(u)

MIRCNOV formerly resided at 2325 15th Street, Northwest in Washington, D. C. and was Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, in charge of the Consular Division. He was born January 1, 1907 in Moscow, Russia, and is a Soviet citizen. Until 1931 he worked as an Electro-mechanic and from 1931 to 1936 he attended the Moscow Electro-Mechanical Railroad Institute. From 1936 to 1937 he worked in the People's Commissariat of Railroad Transport. In 1938 he visited the United States and worked in the Amtorg Trading Corporation until 1939. In 1940 he was appointed Second Secretary of the Embassy of the USSR in Greece, where he remained until May, 1941. In September, 1941, he was appointed Second Secretary of the Embassy of the USSR in the United States. He is married and has a young son, [REDACTED]. (c)(u) b7c

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THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COMMISSION (c)(u)

The Soviet Government Purchasing Commission was organized in the winter of 1941-1942 to perform Soviet Lend-Lease functions in the United States. The Commission was first housed in the Defense Building. (c)(u)

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1026 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. together with the Washington office of Amtorg. On or about April 1st, 1942 it began its independent career at 3355 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and the establishment now includes four additional buildings. Principal branch offices have been established in New York City, San Francisco, Portland, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Fairbanks, Alaska, and it is estimated that there are in excess of 1500 SGPC employees in the United States. (S)(u)

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(c)(u)

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[REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED]. and has his office at [REDACTED]. He is a native born citizen. [REDACTED] is an accountant, graduate of [REDACTED], married, and has one child. He has been employed by [REDACTED] since May, 1938, and at present acts as liaison representative between the company and various government agencies. (c)(u)

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COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK
IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA

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DR. MORRIS V. LEOF, M.D.

LEOF's residence and office are at 322 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born in Russia on April 10, 1872 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on June 3, 1901. Residing with LEOF at the above address are his wife, JENNIE (nee CHALFIN) LEOF; his son, [REDACTED] wife, [REDACTED] his daughter, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED]. He has another daughter, CHARLOTTE LEOF SERBER, who is employed on the DSM project at Los Alamos, New Mexico and who was formerly so employed at Berkeley, California. CHARLOTTE's husband, ROBERT SERBER, was a professor in the Physics Department at the University of California at Berkeley, and has also been assigned to the project in Los Alamos. b7c

Dr. LEOF is considered a key figure in the Communist Party, is contacted frequently by leading Party figures in Philadelphia, and participates actively in Communist front organizations. LEOF has received letters from [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] and is engaged in highly confidential work for the [REDACTED] at the University. The latest of these letters was received July 19, 1944. (u) b7c

Also, it is to be noted that HAAKON CHEVALIER was a guest at the LEOF home from April 20 to April 22, 1944. A few days after this LEOF and CHEVALIER met again for dinner. (u)

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SOVIET-COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK AT SEATTLE

[HENRY P. HUFF,
alias Heinie Huff

(S)(u)

HUFF is Executive Secretary of the Twelfth District, Communist Party, Seattle, Washington, and has openly admitted his Communist affiliations.

[REDACTED] He is well known to national Communist functionaries and was mentioned in a letter from FELIX KUSMAN which was in the possession of HELEN BRYAN, requesting HUFF to cooperate with BRYAN in obtaining funds for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. (S)(u)

[Dr. DAVID HERSH

(S)(u)

HERSH resides at 1111 - 25th Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. He was born in Russia and was reported to have fled that country prior to 1918 because of his revolutionary activities. He is married to HANNA HERSH. Mrs. [REDACTED], his daughter, has been a member of the Communist Party and was formerly active in the Young Communist League. HERSH has been reliable reported as a Communist. (S)(u)

[Dr. DONALD JAMES THORP

(S)(u)

THORP lives at 4216 - 56th Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. He was born in 1895 and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1937. He and his wife, DOROTHY THORP, have a twelve-year-old daughter. THORP has in his possession a series of twelve Russian posters characterizing Nazi officialdom and its terrorizing tactics. According to him, these were obtained from Lieutenant NICOLAI GREGOROVICH RADIN, a Russian naval officer stationed in Seattle. It is known that THORP intended to entertain a group of Russians at his home in February, 1944. (S)(u)

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[Mrs. ESTHER PITZ, alias (S)(u)
Mrs. Darwin Pitz

Mrs. PITZ resides on Mercer Island, Seattle, Washington, and is Executive Secretary of the Seattle office of the Russian War Relief. Her husband, DARWIN PITZ, is northwest representative for the West Bend Aluminum Company. [REDACTED] (C) b1

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[REDACTED] (S)(u) b7c
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], and is employed at the [REDACTED]. She was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and is a member of the Communist Party. While in the San Francisco area she acted as a minor Party functionary. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C)
The individuals mentioned below are employed at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Washington. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C)
[REDACTED] (S)(u) b1/b7c
[REDACTED] is reported to have been a naval officer under the White Russian Government in Siberia, is a naturalized citizen of the United States, and is related by marriage to [REDACTED], a member of the Soviet Government purchasing Commission at Portland, Oregon. He is also related to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (C) b7c

[REDACTED] (S)(u)
[REDACTED] Russian by birth, who has allegedly declared his allegiance to Russia, is a mechanical engineer at the Puget Sound Navy Yard. He is alleged to be a Communist and his wife is affiliated with the Russian War Relief in Seattle. (S)(u) b7

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[REDACTED] is a Russian Jew employed as an electrical engineer at the Navy Yard. He is known to have visited Russian vessels and his wife is vice chairman of the Washington Committee for Russian War Relief. [REDACTED] b7c b1

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[REDACTED] (c)
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SOVIET-COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK IN THE PORTLAND AREA (S) u1

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[REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED] b1 (c)

There is set out hereafter an account of the activities of those persons who may be cooperating in Soviet espionage activity in the Portland area: (S) u1

HENRY MORCROSS ESTERLY, Jr., alias
Henry M. Esterly, Hieni Esterly
MARION K. ESTERLY, alias
Marion Kaunitz Esterly, Marion Becquet

ESTERLY resides with his wife at 4425 Southeast Main Street, Portland, Oregon, and is employed as physics professor at Multnomah College, Portland. He is believed to be a native-born citizen. MARION KAUNITZ

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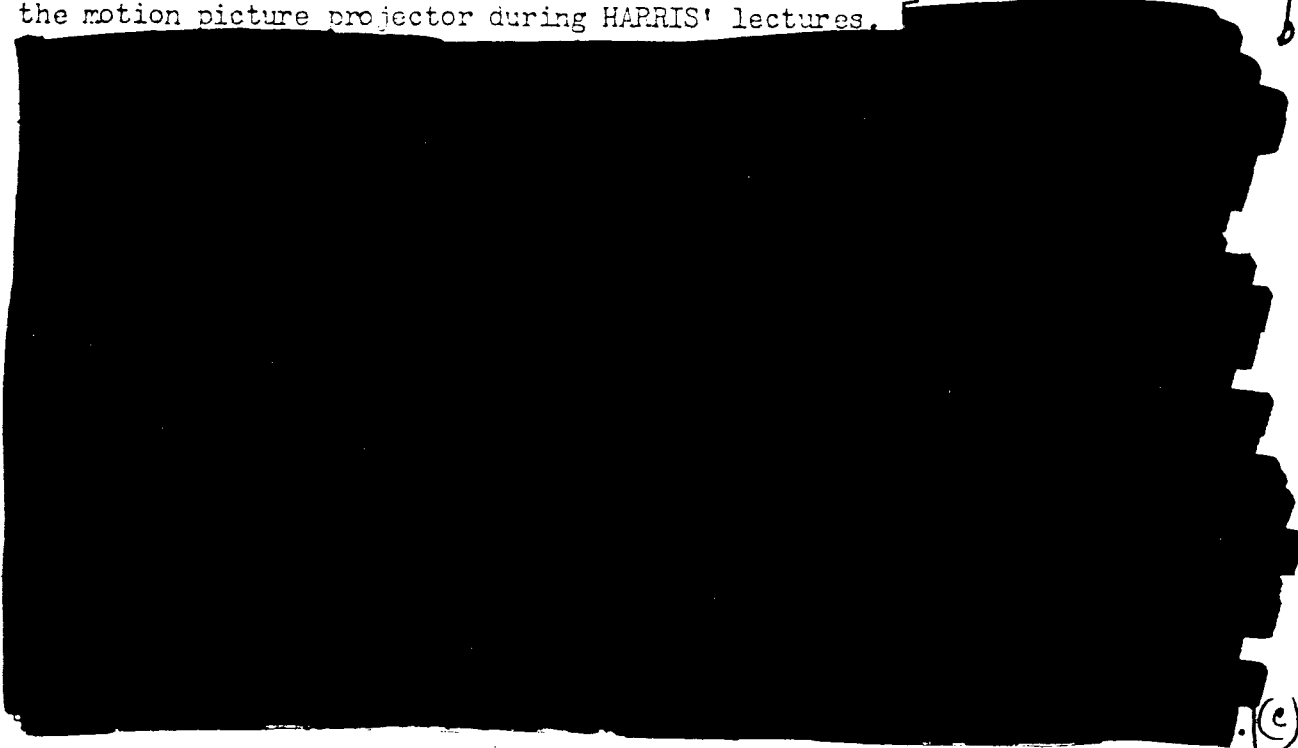
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ESTERLY, his wife, was born February 17, 1909, at Hoquiam, Washington. HENRY ESTERLY has been employed as physics professor at Multnomah College since January 26, 1943, and specializes in sonic physics and radio. Until May, 1943, he taught a course in radio to members of the United States Army Signal Corps. He is also working on the development of an invention of his involving the detection of stresses on metal plates and welds by means of sonic waves, and is known to be in great need of money to further his research.

Both of the ESTERLYS are known and active members of the United Nations Club of the Communist Party at Portland and are in contact with EARL PAYNE, Executive Secretary, Oregon State Communist Party, who is known to have boarded Russian vessels in Seattle without apparent legitimate reason. They were both formerly active in executive positions in the United Federal Workers Union, CIO, when it was predominated by Communists. (S)(u)

HENRY ESTERLY came to attention in March, 1944, during the visit to Portland of THOMAS L. HARRIS when it was learned that ESTERLY operated the motion picture projector during HARRIS' lectures. b1



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In Portland, the offices of Russian War Relief are located at 737 Southwest 11th Avenue and the warehouse is at 50 Northwest 14th Avenue. Mrs. ANNETTE ANSLEY JUKONVILLE is the executive secretary of the Oregon Branch of Russian War Relief. LAWRENCE STEFTON is the manager of the Russian War Relief warehouse and is a known Communist. STEFTON's duties include the distribution of clothing and other supplies to Russian ships calling at Portland. [REDACTED] (c) b1

[REDACTED] (c) b1

ABRAHAM A. OSIPOVICH is the chairman of the Portland Russian War Relief. He is employed as resident engineer at the Bonneville Power Administration. He and his wife, NADIA OSIPOVICH, are naturalized American citizens of Russian extraction. She is one of the most trusted employees of the SGPC in Portland and is reported to have close ties with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] (c) b1

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COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK IN THE
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO AREA

(H) 4

ROBERT SERBER

SERBER formerly resided at number one Eagle Hill, Berkeley, California, the home of Professor J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, and since March 29, 1943 has been employed at the Los Alamos, New Mexico, DSM Project. His wife, CHARLOTTE (LEOF) SERBER, who was born in Russia and is a naturalized citizen, is also employed at the above mentioned project as a Librarian. She is a member of the Communist Party and has recently been connected with such organizations as the Russian War Relief, Committee to Aid America by defending the Allies, and the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. Her father, DR. M. V. LEOF, and her entire family, who reside in Philadelphia, have been active and prominent Communists for many years.

No definite evidence is known of ROBERT SERBER's Communist membership. After his marriage in 1933 his associates increased in number and for the most part were among a group of extreme liberals. He participated in various Communist front organizations and radical groups at the University of California and the University of Illinois. He changed his attitude from extreme pacifism to advocating an all-out effort to aid the Allies after Russia was attacked by Germany.

It will be noted that SERBER and his wife resided with Professor J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER of the DSM project and that it was through the influence of OPPENHEIMER that both obtained their positions.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is an American citizen of Jewish-Russian parents. He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and educated at Louisiana State University and the University of California. He is a physio-chemist and holds a PhD. He is employed at the DSM project at Los Alamos, New Mexico and resides there with his wife, [REDACTED], also employed on the project as a chemist. [REDACTED] worked on confidential matters at the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, prior to his transfer in 1943 to Los Alamos. An allegation has been made that [REDACTED] is a Communist sympathizer, but the basis for this is not known. His wife, a refugee, entered this country in 1939, reportedly accompanying [REDACTED], mentioned elsewhere. She claims Chilean citizenship, but this claim was not substantiated by the Chilean Consulate. She has since applied for United States citizenship, and her citizenship has been urged by J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, head of the project on which she is employed. She was born in Poland, and is considered a Polish alien by the Naturalization Authorities.

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COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK
IN THE BOSTON AREA

[REDACTED] has been previously identified as a contact of ARTHUR ADAMS in Chicago during September, 1944, when ADAMS visited her. Research work for the DSM Project is being conducted at [REDACTED], and therefore some significance attaches to the fact that while in Boston, Massachusetts from October 23 to 26, 1944, [REDACTED] and her husband visited the offices of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Each of the above individuals is a graduate of [REDACTED] in Electrical Engineering and is presently associated with the faculty of that institution. In addition all three are engaged as consultants by the [REDACTED], which is engaged in work of interest to the DSM Project at MIT. (u) b7

While in Boston Doctor [REDACTED] also contacted one BORIS COURT, residing at 576 Washington Street and employed by the Beacon Leather Company, 29 Albany Street, Boston. COURT was born in Russia on April 2, 1893 and has claimed American citizenship, although there is no information to verify this claim. COURT has been reported as a Communist and is known to have taken an active interest in the activities of Russian War Relief in Boston. (u) b7

Brief background is set out in this section regarding the individuals named below in that they previously were associates of present espionage suspects, and therefore may reappear in connection with Comintern activities. (u) b7

[REDACTED] is the owner of the [REDACTED] in Boston. [REDACTED] has served as the identifying witness on passport applications for at least two known agents of Soviet Military Intelligence. It would, therefore, appear that he was also associated in some respect with Soviet Military Intelligence. (u) b7

[REDACTED] was the identifying witness for [REDACTED] in 1928 when he obtained a passport under his true name. When [REDACTED] fraudulently obtained a second passport in 1930 under the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was again his identifying witness. [REDACTED] was one of the individuals recruited by NICOLAS DOZENBERG as Soviet Military Intelligence agents. According to [REDACTED] worked several years in this country as Soviet Agent. He was arrested in 1930, at which time he had in his possession one of the small squares of silk utilized as credential by members of the Party traveling on Comintern business. This identification was signed by MAX BEDACHT, Secretary of the International Workers Order. In 1933 [REDACTED] was again arrested and had in his possession \$28,700 in currency. He was believed to be acting as a courier at this time. (u) b7c

ROBERT ZELAS, alias ROBERT ELMSTON, another individual who was recruited for the Soviet Military Intelligence by DOZENBERG, obtained his passport in 1929 and [REDACTED] also acted as identifying witness for him. He was arrested in 1936 in Austria for illegal Communist activity. He was reported in Moscow in 1939, but his whereabouts since that time is unknown. (u) b7c

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COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK
IN THE DETROIT AREA

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ISAAC SMULLIN, alias
Isaac M. Smullen,
Isaac Schuschukin,
Aisek Schmuschkin,
Isaac Smuschkin

SMULLIN resides at 2202 Sturtevant Avenue, Detroit and maintains law offices at 811 Hammond Building, Detroit. He and his wife, IDA, came to the United States from Russia in 1913 and have resided in Wayne County, Michigan since 1915.

He has been a known Communist since 1918. SMULLEN and his wife received money from World Tourists in 1934 and 1935 from accounts that were actually paid by the Communist Party. Individuals whose passage was paid to the USSR by the Communist Party were carefully selected Party members and most of those sent to Russia attended the Lenin School. A large number of the graduates of this school are members of "Comintern Apparatus". SMULLIN left the United States in April, 1934, reputedly to travel in England and France for a period of six months. (S) u

One informant, who was closely associated with SMULLIN within the Communist Party in 1932 and 1933, reported in 1940 that he believed SMULLIN to be a direct agent of the OGPU. Another source reported that ISAAC SMULLIN met [REDACTED] at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit on March 21, 1942. [REDACTED] according to the informant, was alleged to be an agent of the OGPU. (S) u b7c

ARVID WERNER JACOBSEN

Although there is no present indication JACOBSEN is engaging in espionage, but because of his previous record in this regard, it is deemed advisable to set forth the following background:

JACOBSEN resides at 18735 Greenview Street, Detroit, Michigan. He is employed as a mathematics and aircraft engine instructor at the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. He is married and has two sisters who departed for Russia sometime before 1930. Prior to their departure they married known Communists. JACOBSEN is the son of naturalized Finnish parents and was born November 12, 1904 in Covington, Michigan.

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JACOBSEN was a member of the Soviet Workers Club in Detroit in 1932. He was also reported to be the leader of the Communist faction in the Finnish Educational Club and the Finnish Federation in Detroit in 1932 and 1933. In about 1932 JACOBSEN was a registered Communist and in his work as a section functionary in the Party was frequently in contact with the District Bureau of the Detroit district and with the national Communist leaders. (S)(u)

JACOBSEN contacted the Finnish-Soviet Federation in New York in 1932, at which time he consented to do secret work in Finland for Russia. Mr. and Mrs. JACOBSEN and twenty others were arrested in Helsingfors, Finland in 1933 on a charge of espionage on behalf of Soviet Russia. It was never shown that JACOBSEN obtained military information for Russia, but he was convicted and sentenced to six years in 1933 on the basis of being an intermediary. The President of Finland issued a pardon for JACOBSEN on July 3, 1936 and thereafter he returned to the United States. (S)(u)

Since his engagement at the Ford Plant, JACOBSEN is not known to have engaged in any Communist activity.

COMINTERN ESPIONAGE IN THE SAINT PAUL AREA (S)(u)

[NATHAN ROSS, alias

Nathan Cohen, Nat Ross, Cain Nathan Ross,
Nat Allen, Nathaniel Brown, Harold Relston,
Nat Rosenbaum, Nat Russo. (S)(u)]

ROSS, an American citizen, resides with his wife at 808 - 12th Avenue, Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is employed full-time as the President of District No. 9 of the Communist Political Association, 1216 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis. He was born at New York City on June 25, 1904 of Russian parentage. He married JOHNNIE ELSIE WEST at New York City on January 24, 1939 and on January 28 they departed from New York aboard the SS Champlain enroute to Moscow, Russia, via England and France. ROSS is an admitted Communist. He resided in the United States from 1930 to 1939 when he went to Russia and joined the Party there. It is reported that ROSS is an agent of the OGPU and is responsible only to Moscow for his actions. (S)(u)

ROSS came to attention on December 3, 1943, at which time he had just returned to San Francisco from Russia with his wife. Upon being interviewed by Customs officers at this time he readily admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party and had been employed as a translator by the Central Studio of Film Chronicle of Moscow from May 1939 to September 1943. Upon ROSS' arrival in San Francisco he immediately contacted JOHN PITTMAN, STEVE NELSON, and NELSON and ROSS subsequently met with LOUISE BLUMSTEIN. ROSS attempted to see JACK STACHEL in New York on December 18, 1943 and met LOUIS EUDENZ, Managing Editor of the Daily Worker. He also was in contact with THOMAS ARTHUR SHIELDS, LEO UPHAM HARRIS, ROBERT LINOR and other leading Communists. (S)(u)

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SOVIET-COMINTERN ESPIONAGE NETWORK
IN THE AREA OF BUTTE-GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

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VARIOUS IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE COMINTERN APPARATUS NETWORK

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Various persons have been identified in this case as functioning in the capacity of secret mail drops for communications between the various principals in the Apparatus, these to be used for the transmission of messages regarded by the principals as too confidential to be entrusted for delivery to Communist headquarters or to the home addresses of the addressees. (c)(u)

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The background and activities of the group in this aspect of the Apparatus are set forth below: (X) u

SAN FRANCISCO AREA (X) u

WILLIAM VELVE SCHNEIDERMAN, alias
Bill Schneiderman, Velvel Schneiderman,
Wolf Schneiderman, Bill Smithey, Bill Smithley,
W. J. Williams, B. L. Williams, William Sherman

SCHNEIDERMAN resides at 425 Collingwood Street with his wife, LEAH, and their infant daughter, and is president of the California Communist Political Association, 942 Market Street, both San Francisco, California. He was born August 1, 1905, in Rumonov, Russia, and entered the United States at New York City September 22, 1903. He was naturalized at Los Angeles, California, June 10, 1927. His citizenship was cancelled in 1940 because of his Communist connections, but the cancellation was revoked by the United States Supreme Court in June, 1943, and his citizenship was thereby restored.

SCHNEIDERMAN has been a paid functionary of the Communist Party for many years and served as an official and functionary in Connecticut, Minnesota, and California. He is not known to be a member of any union, but in his position he maintains close association with many West Coast labor leaders.

During 1943, SCHNEIDERMAN made a trip to Russia and was reported to have resided at the Lux Hotel in Moscow, which is usually reserved for high officials and members of the Comintern. [REDACTED] b

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[REDACTED] b
[REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED] b7
[REDACTED] is presently residing at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is an American citizen, born in Poland on [REDACTED]
and entered the United States August 4, 1923. She became a citizen through
the naturalization of her mother, [REDACTED], on May 17, 1929. Her alleged
husband, Private [REDACTED] U. S. Army, was killed in March, 1944.
She was previously married to [REDACTED], a seaman and Communist. [REDACTED]
is a member of the Communist Political Association and has been active in
various front organizations. By her own admission she has been a "progressive"
since she was 16 years old, at which time she was affiliated with the Marine
Workers Industrial Union.

[REDACTED] has been employed as a clerical worker for the [REDACTED] and at b7c
the [REDACTED]. She is a typist, and she has done work for the
American-Russian Institute, during which time she was in frequent contact with
ROSE ISAAK. ANNA LOUISE STRONG was a frequent house guest of [REDACTED] while
she was in the San Francisco area. [REDACTED] assisted STRONG in the preparation
of a book. (u)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] is further known to be a personal acquaintance of ISAAC FOLKOFF, prominent suspect in this case. (S)(u) b7c

[REDACTED] (c) (S)(u)
[REDACTED] MAX JUBLONSKY, alias
Max Jablonsky, Max Jublonski, Max Lamport,
Malwey Jablowska, "Pop," "Poppa" Jublonsky (S)(u)

MAX JUBLONSKY resides at 536 Borell Avenue, San Mateo, California, and is employed as a machinist at the Western Pipe and Steel Company, South San Francisco, California. JUBLONSKY is an American citizen, born at Wijn Novgorod, Russia, June 5, 1877. He entered the United States at Galveston, Texas, on September 14, 1907, and was naturalized at San Francisco on June 2, 1930. He is married to LENA JUBLONSKY and is the father of six children. It is not known if JUBLONSKY is a Communist; however, he is well acquainted with Communist functionaries in the San Francisco area, including ISAAC FOLKOFF. (S)(u)

[REDACTED] (c) b1
Because of their close association with NELSON, the possibility that the following persons are acting as mail drops for NELSON must be considered: (S)(u)

[REDACTED] (c) (S)(u)
[REDACTED] EDWARD MAX LIPSON, alias
Max Lipson (S)(u)

LIPSON resides at 6927 Outlook Avenue, Oakland, California, and operates the Crescent Jewelry Store at 1212 Washington Street in that city. He was born at Lutsk, Russia, August 23, 1893; entered the United States at New York in 1904, and claims derivative citizenship through the naturalization of his father. LIPSON is married to PAULINE OFFERMAN, a naturalized citizen of Polish birth. LIPSON is known as a Communist sympathizer and has contributed (u) (S)(u) u

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funds to the Communist movement. Since July 23, 1943, STEVE NELSON has been observed in periodic meetings with LIPSON at the latter's store. It is further known that Russian seamen frequently visit at LIPSON's store. (S) u

[REDACTED]

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These individuals, husband and wife, reside at 2838 Derby Street, Berkeley, California. [REDACTED] is believed to be attending school in San Francisco; [REDACTED] is employed at the [REDACTED] in Oakland, California. Both are native-born American citizens. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED], of Russian parentage. Until May, 1944, [REDACTED] was employed as a stenographer by the Alameda County Communist Party. It is significant to note that she, as well as her husband, are prominent in the activities of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade veterans in the East Bay Area and are frequently in consultation with NELSON regarding Spanish activities. For some time prior to 1943, [REDACTED] directed the [REDACTED]. (S) u

NEW YORK AREA

EARL RUSSELL BROWDER, alias
Irl Browder, Nicholas Dozenberg,
George Morris, Albert Henry Richards,
Ward, Dixon

BROWDER is National President of the Communist Political Association; resides at 7 Highland Place, Yonkers, New York; and is also editor of the Daily Worker newspaper in New York City. BROWDER is an American citizen, born at Lawrence, Kansas, May 20, 1891. His present wife is RAISSA (IRENE) BERGMAN BROWDER and they have three sons.

As the leader of the Communist movement in the United States since 1930, BROWDER has had a long and active association with the Communist International. He made trips to Russia at frequent intervals between 1921 and 1938, and in 1927 assisted in the establishment of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariate in Hankow, China. Soviet espionage agents operated through this organization. In 1928 BROWDER was active in the establishment of a business concern in Shanghai, China, which served as a cover for the Communist International. He became a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International in 1935. (S) u

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[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b1

MAX GRANICH, alias
Max Grannick

GRANICH resides with his wife, GRACE MAUL GRANICH, at 339 East 16th Street, New York City. He is an American citizen, born in New York City, March 19, 1898, and until recently was employed by the Todd Company Shipyards at Hoboken, New Jersey. He was a member of the Communist branch in Hudson County, New Jersey, of Todd Shipyard Workers.

GRANICH has served as Managing Editor of "China Today". This magazine was published by the American Friends of the Chinese People, a reported Communist front organization which disbanded on March 27, 1942. It will be noted elsewhere that a letter was obtained by a confidential source from the effects of STEVE NELSON in Oakland, California. This letter discussed the international political situation affecting the Japanese, and the letter was postmarked January 16, 1942 at New York and contained return address of M. GRANICH, 168 West 28th Street, New York City, which at that time was the business address of the American Friends of the Chinese people. (X) u

Although the return address indicates MAX GRANICH as the sender, it is believed, however, that GRACE GRANICH was actually the mail (X) u

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drop in this instance, in that the letter was from the unidentified [REDACTED] in this case, who was sending his information to STEVE NELSON. This was indicated in that GRACE GRANICH was immediately visited by NELSON after his arrival in New York City on June 10, 1943 for the National Plenum of the Communist Party. On this occasion NELSON had just returned by train from RALPH BOWEN's home in Peekskill, New York, and had registered at the hotel King Edward in New York City. Thereafter he immediately proceeded to 339 East 16th Street, New York City, where he was joined by GRACE GRANICH. Background information on her is set forth elsewhere. (u) b7c

It is known that a passport was issued to MAX GRANICH in 1935, for an around-the-world trip. This passport was renewed in 1937 at Shanghai, China by the American Consul and at this time GRANICH claimed to be a journalist representing the Eastern Publishing Company of Shanghai. GRANICH is known to have done political work in China and is of further interest because he is the brother of MIKE GOLD, a Communist writer for the Daily Worker newspaper. b7c

[REDACTED] as she is best known, resides with her husband [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She is an American citizen, born at [REDACTED]. At the present time she is a student at the City College of New York. She is not definitely known to be a Communist but is well known among high Communist circles. b7c

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[REDACTED] (c)

On April 23, 1943, [REDACTED] visited the offices of Dr. [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED]. Although she
purportedly had a dental appointment with [REDACTED] on that date, greater
importance is attached to her visit due to the fact that ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN,
who has figured prominently as an [REDACTED] suspect, is related to [REDACTED]
through his marriage to [REDACTED]. BITTLEMAN at the time
was residing with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and continued to reside there until May 5, 1943, at which time he
moved to Mount Airy Road, Croton on the Hudson, New York. (c)(u)

[REDACTED] is known to have visited [REDACTED] on five b7c
different occasions [REDACTED] The purpose b1(c)
of these visits might well have pertained to Comintern Apparatus activities,
although this has not so far been established. (c)(u)

Of further interest is that [REDACTED] received a letter
addressed to her under that name which was postmarked April 24, 1943, at
San Francisco, California, and bore the return address of 636 Broderick
Street, San Francisco, California. This is the address of MAX JUELONSKI,
whose son [REDACTED] is married to the daughter of [REDACTED] b1/b7c
[REDACTED] (c)

[REDACTED] was born at [REDACTED] and b7c
entered the United States on October 8, 1929. He claims American citizen-
ship through his father, [REDACTED] who was naturalized in New
York City on November 18, 1912. He is employed as a draftsman by the
[REDACTED] His
present affiliation with the Communist Party is now known, however, he
was active in 1939 as a committee member and organizer of the 20th
Anniversary Meeting of the Communist Party at Madison Square Garden.

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He also served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain from February, 1937 to December, 1938.

It has been reported that his father, now deceased, and his mother [REDACTED] were forced to leave Russia because of Communist activity. [REDACTED] has been identified as a contact of CHARLES ALEXANDER DIRBA. b7c

[REDACTED] is the brother of [REDACTED] and brother-in-law of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and his wife use the above indicated spelling of their surname. He resides with his wife, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen, born in [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He is employed as a project engineer by the [REDACTED], which is engaged in the manufacture of radar and electronics equipment. He is not presently known to be a Communist, but has been identified as such in the past and as having been active in Communist affairs. He was formerly employed by Amtorg in New York City. As late as 1938, he possessed an amateur and commercial radio telephone operator's license and was operating a "ham" radio station under call letters [REDACTED]. Mail for this station was received at [REDACTED]. b7c

[REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] is believed to be an American citizen, but her place and date of birth have not been determined. She is said to be a member of the United Office and Professional Workers Union and formerly was employed as secretary to [REDACTED], an official of the National [REDACTED], and also for [REDACTED]. b7c

She has not been definitely identified as a Communist. It is known, however, that she has been referred to by LYDIA ALTSCHULER as being a friend. [REDACTED] It is further known that both [REDACTED] are contacts of [REDACTED], an associate of CHARLES ALEXANDER DIRBA and a suspected Communist courier. (u) [REDACTED] b7c [C]

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EVELINE PALANT CARSMAN, alias
Eveline Palant, Mrs. Samuel Carsman

EVELINE CARSMAN resides at 4141 - 43rd Street, Sunnyside, New York, with her husband, SAMUEL CARSMAN, and their infant daughter. At the inception of this case she resided at 5332 Locksley Avenue, Oakland, California, and was acting as secretary to STEVE NELSON at Alameda County Communist Headquarters in Oakland. She is an American citizen, born in Brooklyn, New York, November 26, 1921, of Russian parents. She received her education at Thomas Jefferson High School, Long Island University, and New York University.

EVELINE CARSMAN is a known Communist and has at various times engaged in organizational work on behalf of the Communist movement. During the time she was acting as part-time secretary for NELSON, she was also employed at the Moore Dry Dock Company in Oakland, California. Later, on March 2, 1943, she resigned her position at Moore's and thereafter was steadily employed at Alameda County Communist Headquarters.

[REDACTED] b1

(X) (c)

SAMUEL CARSMAN, alias
Sam Carsman, Sammie Carsman,
Samuel Cashmere, Samuel Carshomere,
Samuel Scarsman.

CARSMAN resides with his wife and daughter at 4141 - 43rd Street, Sunnyside, New York. He is employed by the United States Instrument Company in New York City. At the inception of this case he was residing at 5332 Locksley Avenue, Oakland, California. He is an American citizen, born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 22, 1915, of Russian-Welsh parents who were naturalized American citizens. CARSMAN served with the U. S. Army Air Corps Foreign Service in the Canal Zone for fifteen months during 1935 and 1936, and received an honorable discharge. From 1937

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until 1939 he served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, and during the latter part of 1941 and the early months of 1942 he sailed as a merchant seaman. In 1943, he was employed as a marine machinist at the Moore Dry Dock Company, Oakland, California.

CARSMAN, probably because of his membership in the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade organization, immediately visited STEVE NELSON upon arriving in the San Francisco-East Bay area. While in this area he was known as an almost daily visitor to Alameda County Communist Headquarters and was indicated as serving as organizer and doing political work on behalf of various Communist candidates for public office. (S)(u)

In view of CARSMAN's close connections with STEVE NELSON and the fact that his wife was formerly NELSON's secretary, CARSMAN is regarded as one likely to act as a mail drop or intermediary between NELSON and others cooperating in the Comintern Apparatus. (S)(u)

FREDERICK NELSON MYERS, alias
Frederick Nelson, Freddy Myers, "Blackie" Myers

MYERS resides at 300 West 12th Street, New York City, with his wife, MARGARET ELIZABETH McHENRY MYERS. She is employed at the office of the Daily Worker in New York City. MYERS is an American citizen, born at Brooklyn, New York, May 17, 1907. He is a National Vice-President of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, 346 West 17th Street, New York City, and was at sea until 1939 when he became an official of the union. He is a Communist and known graduate of the "Red Annapolis" near Beacon, New York, and is responsible for the NMU following the Communist line. During the Spring of 1941, MYERS was on the West Coast and was reported to be setting up a courier system by organizing Communists on the various ships operating from West Coast ports. His objective has long been the placing of a Communist on every ship sailing from American ports.

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DETROIT AREA

GETZEL HOCHBERG, alias
George Hochberg,
Joe Hochberg, Joe Hoch

HOCHBERG presently resides at 2689 Glynn Court, Detroit, Michigan, and formerly resided at 1539 Nelson Avenue, Bronx, New York, moving to Detroit, September 16, 1943. He is an American citizen, born at Grodno, Russia, January 8, 1900, who arrived in the United States on October 31, 1916, and was granted citizenship in New York City, May 25, 1940. His wife is LILLIAN LIPSTEIN HOCHBERG, born in Detroit, and they have one son sixteen years of age.

HOCHBERG is at present employed by the HYMAN-GROSSMAN COMPANY, which does plumbing contracting in Detroit.

While in the New York City area, HOCHBERG was general manager of the F. and D. Printing Company, Inc., a printing concern controlled by the Communist Party and located at 35 East 12th Street, which is also the address of National Communist Headquarters. HOCHBERG is an important Communist functionary and is reportedly a member of the Comintern Apparatus and an OGPU agent. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the MORNING FREIHEIT ASSOCIATION, a member of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, and is a delegate to its conventions. He is reported as having declined the office of Chairman of the Communist Club of Detroit.

[REDACTED] b1
(c)

HOCHBERG accompanied EMIL BROWDER on a tour early in 1943 and was with him in San Francisco during January of that year. He appeared (c)(u)

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to be acting in the capacity of bodyguard to BRODER and reportedly acts in such a capacity when he and BRODER are in the New York area, having been observed in almost continuous association with BRODER at National Communist Headquarters. [REDACTED] b1

CLEVELAND AREA (X)

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED], an American citizen, resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], and is employed as a [REDACTED]
He was born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], and is married to [REDACTED] but does not live with her. He is the father of two sons of draft age.

He is not known to be a member of the Communist Party but he is affiliated with numerous Party Front organizations.

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] is known to receive numerous circulars and information bulletins emanating from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., and has sponsored the AMERICAN RELIEF SHIP CAMPAIGN, AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, and the NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR AID OF SPANISH DEMOCRACY (u)

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The anonymous Russian letter to the Bureau of [REDACTED] stated that in connection with espionage activities being carried on by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (S)(u)

[REDACTED] was last known to reside in [REDACTED], and she has been indicated as possibly functioning as a mail drop for north-bound messages in the Alto case. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Because of the intermingling of certain of the suspects in both the Comrap and the Alto cases, the following information is set forth for the benefit of offices having only limited information concerning the Alto case: (S)(u)

LYDIA ALTSCHULER CASE (ALTO) (S)(u)

Several indications have been received during the investigations of the Comintern Apparatus and the Alto cases pointing to the existence of a connection between them. The Alto case has as its immediate purpose the identification of the writers and recipients of a series of some twenty-four secret writing cipher messages sent by mail or courier between the United States and several Latin-American countries between November, 1941, and November, 1943. The FBI Laboratory has found that all of these messages were interrelated, either by identity of typewriting or handwriting, or by internal references, and so they have been considered part of a unified series for investigative purposes. (S)(u)

The original participants in the Alto case proved to be mail drops for the messages, residing in New York City and Mexico, D. F., for the most part. Through investigations of these persons, new names were (S)(u)

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developed and linked with the ring responsible for the transmission of the secret messages. Most of the mail drops and subsequently developed suspects in the case were found to be long-time active Communist Party members, either Russian-born or of Russian ancestry, and often affiliated with propaganda or commercial agencies of the USSR in this country. A network of active American Communists, recent Russian emigres to the United States, and Communist refugees and left-wing radicals in Latin-America, all uniformly pro-Soviet, was indicated as engaged in secret intercommunication through illegal and highly suspicious methods. (S)(u)

LYDIA ALTSCHULER, as she is best known, was the first mail drop discovered in this case, and she is the one from whom the case took its title. She served as mail drop on three northbound secret-writing letters from Buenos Aires to New York City in 1942. (S)(u)

LYDIA ALTSCHULER, alias
Lydia Yeager, Mrs. H. Barton
Yeager, "Virginia"

ALTSCHULER resides at 97 Perry Street, and has been employed for four years at the Consumers Union, a suspected Communist-nurtured organization, at 14 Union Square West, both New York City. She claims American citizenship through naturalization of her father, SAMUEL ALTSCHULER, at New Brunswick, New Jersey. LYDIA ALTSCHULER was born in Berlin, Germany, of Russian-Jewish parents, October 4, 1906. She arrived with her parents at New York City on August 15, 1909. Her father, who was born in Russia in 1881, renounced his American citizenship and was repatriated as a Soviet citizen when he returned to the USSR in 1931. He still resides there with other of LYDIA's relatives, and the latter has expressed concern over their welfare and is known to receive occasional cables from them. For four years prior to 1938, LYDIA ALTSCHULER was employed by the Inkaklana Division of Amkniga Corporation, a distributor of Soviet films in the United States. She has a great many social contacts among Communists and left-wing professionals. Among her known contacts were four meetings with [REDACTED], a reputed radical, employed at the Sperry Gyroscope Company and having access to confidential plans, and with whom ALTSCHULER has discussed the Sperry bombsight. She is a divorcee and lives with another unmarried woman at the above address. She is a member of the United Office and Professional Workers Union, CIO. b7c

[REDACTED] (S)(u)

[REDACTED], another mail drop who apparently had no further (S)(u) | b7c

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connection with the case, was the recipient of one northbound letter from Buenos Aires to New York in December, 1942. He was born at [REDACTED] and is of Russian ancestry. He resides at [REDACTED], with his wife and small child. He is employed as a foreman's helper at the [REDACTED] (S)(u) b7c

[REDACTED] (S)(u) [REDACTED] served as a mail-drop on three secret-writing ciphered messages from Mexico City to New York, sent through the mail over the period between January and November, 1943. She was born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] of Russian parents in [REDACTED] and has been employed as a [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED] since 1934. In 1939 she married [REDACTED], who was employed in a minor capacity at the [REDACTED], until he was drafted into the Army late in 1942. [REDACTED] is a very active Communist, does not appear to be very intelligent or of good morals, and seems to be of a lower social strata than most of the other persons involved in the case in the New York area. (S)(u) b7c

[REDACTED] "FRANK JACSON"
possibly identical with
JACQUES M. VAN DENURESCHD. (S)(u)

The background of this individual has been purposely obscured by the conspirators with whom he operates. It has been determined, however, that many of the messages sent between New York and Mexico City probably relate to efforts to liberate "FRANK JACSON", Soviet OGPU agent, presently serving a twenty year sentence in a Mexican prison for killing Leon Trotsky in 1940. Confidential sources have reported that "JACSON" was chosen from among available OGPU agents in Russia for the assignment to kill Trotsky, for which purpose he was detached from the Communist Party. He followed Trotsky all over Europe and made an unsuccessful attempt on his life in Paris, in which attempt Trotsky's son was killed. He followed Trotsky to New York and later to Mexico, where he secured, by subterfuge, a position as one of Trotsky's bodyguards, which eventually gave him the needed opportunity to carry out his assignment. (S)(u)

While "JACSON" was in New York in 1940, before he killed Trotsky, money was sent to him from Russia through the International Red Aid (now the International Labor Defense), a Communist front, which later (S)(u)

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established a confidential trust fund for him in the Banco Anglo-Mexicano in Mexico City to pay his expenses, and to provide assistance if he should be implicated in Trotsky's death. Strong indications exist that the network involved in the Alto case was used, in part, to effect transfers of funds from New York to Mexico, through the above channels, for "JACSON's" assistance. Thus on February 22, 1944, HELEN LEVI SIMON, an active Communist residing in New York City, sent \$3,700.00 to ENRIQUE DE LOS RIOS, Mexico City, for deposit in the above bank. Decipherment of one of the Alto communications had revealed prior to that time that ENRIQUE DE LOS RIOS was a proper person to receive funds, presumably for "JACSON's" use. This and other similar incidents add up to a reasonable certainty that the Alto series of communications were a vital part of the illegal intrigues being carried out in Mexico with American Communist assistance, as a necessary aftermath of the terroristic political design evidenced in the plot to assassinate Trotsky. (S)(u)

HELEN MAXINE LEVI SIMON, alias
Maxine Levy.

SIMON resides at 350 East 77th Street, New York City. She has been employed since January, 1944, as a writer at the "Daily Worker", 48 East 13th Street, also New York City. She is an American citizen, born in New York City September 3, 1916, of naturalized German-Jewish parents. In 1939 she married ABBOTT SIMON, born in New York City in 1916 of Hebrew parentage. ABBOTT SIMON at that time was an organizer for the American Youth Congress, and connected in an advisory capacity with the NYA. From January, 1939, to January, 1940, ABBOTT and HELEN SIMON toured France, England, and Norway, recruiting for the World Youth Congress. She was divorced in 1941 from ABBOTT SIMON. HELEN SIMON has been identified as a member of both the Young Communist League and the Communist Party. She has also appeared as speaker in various front groups where she is active, such as American Spanish Aid Committee, World Student Association, and the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

She went to Mexico City in August, 1943, to attend the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Conference, along with MAX BEDACHT, Communist Party leader and General Secretary of the IWO. She represented the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, CIO, a Communist-dominated union. At this period SIMON was working at the Long Island City plant of the Ford Instrument Company. It will be noted that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Conference was also attended by [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] then residing in the San Francisco area.

On February 22, 1944, SIMON sent \$3700.00 to ENRIQUE DE LOS RIOS, (S)(u)

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who was mentioned in the last northbound Alto letter as being an acceptable channel for funds. This transaction may relate to the case of FRANK JACSON, now in a Mexico jail for the murder of Trotsky. (S)(u)

In August, 1943, ANNA V. COLLOMS, a New York school teacher, went to Mexico City alone, by train, and deliberately attempted to carry concealed secret-writing messages across the border into Mexico in a box of blank stationery. The messages were intercepted and deciphered and never delivered in Mexico by her, although they were returned to her after she came back from Mexico, and she was observed to pass them back to other persons in the case in New York from whom she apparently obtained them originally. This behavior definitely established her as a courier connected with the activities being carried on in behalf of "FRANK JACSON", although there is indication that she did not know the contents of purpose of the messages. This trip to Mexico caused her great nervousness and anxiety, and this was exhibited by her to contacts in New York after her return. (S)(u)

[ANNA V. COLLOMS, alias
Mrs. Albert L. Colloms.]

(S)(u)

Mrs. COLLOMS was born in New York City in 1900, and is of partial Russian ancestry. She has been employed as a school teacher in New York public schools since 1922, and presently earns \$4,500.00 a year. Her husband, ALBERT L. COLLOMS, a native American, is a \$4,600.00 a year attorney employed by the Office of Price Administration. Both she and her husband appear to be generally high-caliber persons. They reside with their children at Long Island City, New York. Her husband is not indicated as involved in the Alto case, but is undoubtedly aware of his wife's activities therein. Mrs. COLLOMS is an active Communist, associates with many other Communists, and reportedly visited Russia in 1935. She has been very friendly with [REDACTED], who is employed in the same school as she, and who appears to have acted as the first link in the chain by which messages, received by [REDACTED], were relayed by Mrs. COLLOMS to persons higher up in the Alto ring. (S)(u) b7c

[ETHEL MORRELL VOGEL, and
DR. SIDNEY VOGEL.]

(S)(u)

Dr. SIDNEY VOGEL, a physician and brother of ANNA COLLOMS; was an organizer of hospitals for the Loyalist side during the Spanish Civil War, and is at present a captain in the U. S. Army on overseas duty. In (S)(u)

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1932 he married ETHEL MORRELL VOGEL, who has proved to be one of ANNA COLLOMS' most frequent associates during her period of activity in the Alto case. Mrs. VOGEL is undoubtedly connected with COLLOMS' activities, and appears to have acted as COLLOMS' superior in the ring. In 1936 Mrs. VOGEL secured a passport for travel to Russia, and gave as her foreign address "in care of Intourist, Moscow." (S)(u)

[REDACTED] (S)(u)

b7c

One of Mrs. COLLOMS' associates, [REDACTED], who is believed identical with a person of a similar name identified as a mail-drop in one of the southbound messages in the Alto case, is a native of [REDACTED], born in [REDACTED], and is a former [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. She is a well-educated person, having graduated from [REDACTED], New York, and from [REDACTED]. Her husband, [REDACTED], is employed at the [REDACTED], as an \$1800.00 a year time clerk. Her parents were both born in Russia. (S)(u)

[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED]

JACOB SAMUEL EPSTEIN, alias
Jake Epstein

*(u) Jacob Epstein in Alto case is not
Jacob Samuel Epstein. This write-up
confused at least two Jacob Epsteins.*

It has been established that many of the secret-writing messages
emanating from Mexico City were written by JACOB EPSTEIN. [REDACTED]

EPSTEIN resides at 230 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and is
Organizer of the Seamen's - Chelsea Club, Young Communist League, 116
West 21st Street, New York City. The foregoing organization operates the
Convoy Club, 223 Eighth Avenue, New York City, and EPSTEIN is President
of the latter club and is also on the State Council of the New York
State Young Communist League. His wife is RUTH BEVERLY WILSON, also a
suspect in the Alto case, who gives her address as 958 Madison Avenue,
New York City. EPSTEIN is an American citizen, born in Brooklyn, New
York in 1903, of Russian-Jewish parents. He graduated from Cornell
University in 1924, and has been employed by various clothing concerns in

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New York from 1924 to 1938. He is apparently identical with a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of the same name [whose leg was amputated as a result of wounds received in Spain.] (He entered Mexico City as a tourist in December, 1941. In 1942 his request to remain in Mexico as a resident was granted on his claims of being the representative in Mexico City of the Alden Rug Mills of New York. On March 2, 1943, he was given the status of a student in Mexico, at his request, with permission to remain one more year. On September 18, 1943, his request to engage in the furniture business in Mexico City was denied by the government.) (u)

EPSTEIN was the signer of the Special Privilege Card of the Convoy Club issued to [REDACTED]. The letter is named elsewhere b7C as a known seaman courier, who, when searched upon his arrival in New York on September 16, 1943, had various messages between Communists, and an empty envelope addressed to JAKE EPSTEIN, 230 Seventh Avenue, New York City. As President of the Convoy Club, EPSTEIN associates with many merchant seamen. (u)

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Among the more colorful and internationally known Communists who are indicated as involved, possibly as principals, in the Alto case are ANNA SEGHERS and JOSE DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS. (X)(u)

[MRS. LASLO RATVANYI, alias
Netty Ratvenyi, Anna Seghors.] (X)(u)

ANNA SEGHERS is the pen-name of NETTY RATVANYI, the wife of Dr. LASLO RATVANYI, the former director of the Communist Workers College in Berlin, Germany. Both he and she are reputed to be camouflaged Communist agents. She and her husband and children arrived in New York in June, 1941, from the Dominican Republic. All were listed as citizens of Hungary and members of the Hebrew race. They were destined for Mexico City and, although refused temporary entry into the United States, were granted a transit visa across the United States. She and her family presently reside at Rio de la Plata #25, Mexico D.F. Two of the secret-writing messages in this case sent to [REDACTED] in New York bore return addresses of fictitious persons, at an address rented in Mexico City by Dr. RATVANYI. ANNA SEGHERS is one of the most prominent leaders of the "Free Germany" movement, and is regarded almost with reverence by European and Mexican Communists. She is a very capable writer, and recently published the best-seller, "The Seventh Cross." She allegedly does not keep any of the royalties from her writings, but uses them to finance the Communist cause, presumably through the "Free Germany" movement. Her literary agent is MAXIM LIEBER of New York, who handles all material written by the group of European Communist writers in Mexico which is submitted for publication in the United States. She is particularly close to EGON KISCH, with whom she and others formed a directorate for the publishing house known as EL LIBRO LIERE. All of her time, aside from writing, is devoted to German Communist activities. (X)(u)

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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)
MICHEL AIRONIVITCH GROUCHKO, alias
Michael Mironovich Grouchko,
Michel Gray, Michel Grey, Michael M.
Gray, Michel Grusco, "Misha". (s)(u)

GROUCHKO resides at 817 West End Avenue, and has his office at 11 East 45th Street, both New York City. He is a Soviet citizen, born July 25, 1890, at Odessa, Russia, entered the United States at New York City October 16, 1939. He had formerly lived in Paris, France, for some years. His wife, ZINA GROUCHKO, is also a Soviet citizen and arrived in the United States July 10, 1939. GROUCHKO operates a firm called the Globe Company, engaged ostensibly in the importation from England of woolens and the sale of same to persons or firms who re-ship the woolens to the USSR. (s)(u)

[REDACTED] (s)(u)
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], and is a man of means. He was born in [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], and arrived in the United States in March, 1940, from Naples, indicating at that time that he was a member of the Hebrew race and a citizen of Palestine. His wife, whom he married in Turkey in 1931, was also born in Russia, and now resides with him in New York. His business activities appear non-existent, and he spends a major portion of his business day in the office of [REDACTED] assisting ostensibly in minor business transactions. b7c

[REDACTED] b7
[REDACTED] The FBI Laboratory has found significant similarities between known specimens of his handwriting and the handwriting on the southbound messages in the Alto case, and has advanced the opinion that he was probably the writer of these communications. (s)(u)

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(c)
[REDACTED] One of the close contacts of ARMA V. b1/
COLLOMS has been [REDACTED] whose husband was employed for a b7c
number of years as an [REDACTED] in the USSR. Mrs.
[REDACTED] is an American citizen by birth, and is currently employed as an
[REDACTED] at the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (c)

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[EUGENE FOSTER WHITAKER, alias
Mrs. C. H. Whitaker, Jane Whitaker]

(S)(u)

WHITAKER has been residing until recently at Calle Francisco Marquez #109, Apt. 14, Mexico, D.F., which is the address at which MARGARITA BELKIN DEPAUL, subject in the ALTO case, does much of her writing. She is known to be a close associate of ANNA SECHERS, also an ALTO subject, and CONSTANCIA DE LA LORA, propagandist employed in the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. She is an elderly woman believed to be American-born and the widow of an American diplomat. She has been identified with Communist activities for many years and is in frequent contact with prominent Communists in this country and abroad.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]
with his wife, [REDACTED], a former employee of the [REDACTED]
He is an [REDACTED] employed as head of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], with offices at [REDACTED]
He is active in several Communist-inspired organizations [REDACTED]

although actual Party membership has not been established. (S)(u)

[REDACTED] was the recipient of a letter in February, 1944, which contained secret writing in code very similar to that received from other subjects in the ALTSCHULER case. This letter bore a return address in Madrid. It is further known that [REDACTED] attempted to arrange for a letter to be taken from South America to Lisbon, Portugal, where it would be air-mailed to [REDACTED] is a neighbor of ANNA V. COLLOWS, with whom he is friendly, and in contact with [REDACTED], both of whom are under investigation in the ALTSCHULER case. (S)(u)

[REDACTED]

(S)(u)

[REDACTED] is an American citizen by virtue of birth in [REDACTED] in
His last known residence was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], where he was alleged to be employed as a [REDACTED] for a small Mexican moving picture production company. He has been a known Communist at least since 1933, [REDACTED]

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SIMON LIEBERMAN, alias
Jacques Bienfeld
Mrs. SIMON LIEBERMAN, alias
Ollie Lieberman, Mrs. Jacques Bienfeld

LIEBERMAN, an American citizen, was born in Austria-Hungary, entered the United States in 1925 from Paris, France, and was granted American citizenship in 1932. He is listed as residing at 10 Mulberry Road, New Rochelle, New York, and as of June, 1941, conducted a business at 608 Fifth Avenue, New York City, under the trade name of JACQUES BIEINFELD of Paris.

[REDACTED] They were alleged to have sent and received mail between England, France, and the Soviet Union.

It has been reported that OLLIE LIEBERMAN was a close associate of DOROTHY LOEB and at one time maintained a residence with her. LOEB is the wife of RUDOLPH FEISTMAN, personal secretary of OTTO KATZ in Mexico.

SIMON LIEBERMAN allegedly sponsored twelve individuals for entry into the United States between the years 1938 and 1940. The significance of this activity has not been determined, but it is known that he sent \$1950 to Cuba through the National Bank of New York City for the assistance of ADAM FRUND, then in France endeavoring to leave that country.

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EVIDENCE OF THE OPERATION OF A POLITICAL PARALLEL

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An important part of the information-gathering activities and pressure tactics of the N.K.V.D. is in the field of politics and government, or the so-called political parallel. This parallel is defined as embracing those operations falling within these three types: (1) collecting political information of value to the USSR; (2) infiltrating foreign racial or minority groups for political pressure purposes; (3) infiltration of U. S. Government bodies or agencies by Communist Party members. (S)(u)

The very nature and purpose of the Communist movement makes it ideally suited to these N.K.V.D. tactics in the political field. The Communist Party is a political movement primarily; all of its maneuvers have political significance and motivation; and, in view of its obvious Soviet alignment, its entire scope of activities is calculated at all times to carry out the very purposes sought by the N.K.V.D. in political matters. No attempt will be made here to survey the entire field of Communist Party activities that might properly fall within this parallel. The Russian affiliations and connections of the Party are so well known and obvious, its subservience to Soviet dictates so apparent, and the scope of these operations so broad, complex, and all-inclusive, that no comparatively brief treatment of the entire field is practicable. (S)(u)

It is the purpose in the pages to follow to set out such phases of the Comintern-Communist collaboration as have been uncovered in the Comrap case to date, and to furnish thereby, in so far as possible, an over-all view of this activity. In addition to disclosing the existence of a network of important Communists binding together many diverse aspects of this collaboration, the investigation of the Comrap case has also shown the cooperation of many agents and sympathizers of the Soviet-Communist conspiracy whose participation therein is most noteworthy, but whose existence or importance is not always apparent from investigations of specific phases of Communist Party activity, as distinguished from an attempt to cover the whole field in one case. (S)(u)

Building upon the vast reservoir of information and evidence of Communist Party subservience to, and exploitation by, the USSR, which has been collected in other allied investigations, the Comrap case has supplied the following additional facts as further proof of Comintern political operations, through the Communist Party and its allied groups and sympathizers. (S)(u)

Within the type of operations, defined as collecting political information of value to the USSR, are the activities of the following persons and organizations: (S)(u)

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LOUISE ROSENBERG BRANSTEN, alias
Louise Alice Rosenberg, Louise Brandon

BRANSTEN resides at 2626 Green Street, San Francisco, and is an American citizen, born at Berkeley, California, October 10, 1908. She is the only child of the late ABRAHAM ROSENBERG, an extremely wealthy Jewish merchant, founder of the Rosenberg Brothers Produce Company of San Francisco. Upon her father's death in 1929, she received, as a portion of his \$2,250,000 estate, a \$500,000 trust fund; she was also the recipient of a million-dollar portion of her mother's estate upon the latter's death in 1943. She is, therefore, independently wealthy and enjoys an income of approximately \$40,000 a year which she generously devotes to Communist and allied causes. She is the divorced wife of RICHARD BRANSTEN, alias Bruce Minton, prominent Communist radical and present West Coast representative of the "New Masses." They have a twelve year old son, [REDACTED] Prior to her divorce, b7c she and RICHARD BRANSTEN travelled extensively in Europe and spent considerable time in the USSR in 1933 and 1934.

BRANSTEN is of primary importance in the Comrap case [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] Most of her time, at present, is devoted to her activities as an unpaid official of the American-Russian Institute, once referred to in an unguarded moment as the American representative of VOKS. She serves as a member of the Institute's Board of Directors and maintains membership in the UOPWA and the FAECT, both CIO. (C)

(C) [REDACTED] A brief glance at her many, varied contacts, both local and national, and her frequent trips to the Consulate, seems to point up BRANSTEN almost as the hub of a wheel, the spokes thereof representing the many facets of her pro-Soviet activities, running from mere membership in the Communist Party and its successor, the Communist Political Association, to military and industrial espionage and political and propaganda activities. (A)(u)

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On November 8, 1943, in connection with a radio broadcast by the Institute in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the recognition of the USSR by the United States, KHEIFETS directed that BRANSTEN deny the request of the Council for American-Soviet Friendship to share in the presentation of this program. A speech that was to be given by ANNA LOUISE STRONG on the program was given to KHEIFETS for approval, and he directed that the military alliance between the United States and Soviet Russia should be minimized and that all emphasis should be placed on "cultural relations." BRANSTEN in November, 1943, interested herself in JESUS HERNANDEZ TOMAS, exiled member of the Spanish Loyalist Government who had fled to Russia for sanctuary from Franco Spain. He was enroute to Mexico, but had no transit visa across the United States, and on landing in Seattle, Washington, from a Russian boat, he was detained there by Immigration authorities. BRANSTEN, working through the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, was instrumental in securing his passage across the United States and into Mexico. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C) [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C) [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C) [REDACTED] b1

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In addition, BRANSTEN associates with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, Russian artist, whose wife, LIDIA, is employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, both ARNAUTOFFS being members of the CPA; Dr. EDWARD BAIUSKY, head of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, who once offered her the post of West Coast Regional Director for the organization; HARRY BRIDGES; THOMAS L. HARRIS, head of the International Council of American-Soviet Friendship; JOSEPH NORTH, editor of "New Masses"; and VLADIMIR POISNER of Los Angeles, [REDACTED] (C) b
[REDACTED] b
[REDACTED] (C)

The importance and wide range of BRANSTEN's contacts is again shown when she visits the East Coast. There, she has been observed with EARL BROWDER, WILLIAM BROWDER, LEWIS U. HARRIS, and GERHART EISLER. She also has been seen with FELIX KUSMAN, HELEN BLACK of Sovfoto; HELEN BRYAN of the JAFRC; [REDACTED], and PAUL ROBESON. (S) u1 b

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In Washington, D. C., during January of 1944, BRANSTEN was observed in contact with [REDACTED] employed in the Division of Cultural Relations of the State Department; [REDACTED], in charge of the "Propaganda and National Problems Section" of the OWI; N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, an official of the Department of Agriculture and Hatch Act subject; and Major [REDACTED], whose duties pertain to the supervision of racial education within the United States Army. (S) u1

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BARTLEY CAVANAUGH CRUM

CRUM is a prominent California attorney and politician, residing at 763 Bay Street, San Francisco, has been a sympathizer and collaborator with causes championed and instigated by the Communist Party for the past eight years. He has been active in furthering the programs of a wide variety of known Communist Fronts, including the American-Russian Institute, San Francisco Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, American Youth for Democracy, and the California Labor School. He subscribes to, and at various times has served as a source of information for, the Communist-controlled PEOPLES WORLD newspaper of San Francisco. He is personally acquainted with a wide section of Communist leaders in San Francisco, with many of whom he is in very frequent contact.

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(C)
CRUM was born in Sacramento, California, November 28, 1900. He was graduated from the University of California Law School at Berkeley in 1924 and has practiced law in San Francisco since that date. He has specialized as a negotiator of labor contracts since 1935. He is at present a very successful and well-known attorney, earning an estimated \$20,000 a year.

He first attained national political prominence as the Republican manager of WENDELL WILLKIE's campaign in California in 1940. Early in the 1944 Presidential Campaign he came out unequivocally for ROOSEVELT and became a leader of the "Independent Republicans for ROOSEVELT" in California and, as such, was among the most prominent supporters of the Fourth Term on the West Coast. CRUM was a personal friend of the late WENDELL WILLKIE and was, and continues to be, on close terms with [REDACTED] and other one-time WILLKIE supporters. He appears to have important and influential contacts among highly-placed officials of the present national administration, as well as among a number of very prominent liberal political figures throughout the nation as a whole. b7c

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Another item of interest is found in the fact that HERBERT RESNER, official attorney for the CPA and himself a member therein, secured CRUM's assistance in arranging a celebration on June 21, 1944, for the anniversary of the German attack upon Russia. CRUM, in attempting to secure a prominent speaker for the occasion, which he, himself, helped underwrite with a one thousand dollar loan, was able directly to communicate with a member of the White House staff with whom he is apparently on very friendly terms.

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Direct evidence of a subversive or un-American motive on CRUM's part in any of his pre-Communist activities is lacking. His attitude and consistent cooperation with their current operations may be symptomatic of an honest, liberal admiration on his part for the Communist fronts and their legal activities with which he has allied himself; or they might be evidence of a design on his part to exploit current aspects of the Communist program, which he may legitimately consider of ultimate value to this country in general and the West Coast in particular. At the same time there is ample indication, although no actual proof, that he may be a conscious adherent to the entire subversive program of the Party.

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DAVID ARMSTRONG HEDLEY

HEDLEY resides at 20 Romolo Place, San Francisco, California, and is employed as Executive Secretary of the CIO Political Action Committee, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. He is a British subject, born July 21, 1911, at London, England, and entered the United States at New York City on November 5, 1935. He is married to Dr. IENA HALPERN HEDLEY, a Communist Party member, whose activities of interest in this case are set out elsewhere in this report. HEDLEY was rejected for service by the United States Army on psychiatric grounds.

He was employed as the Executive Secretary of the Connecticut Conference on Social and Labor Legislation from 1937 until he moved to San Francisco in June, 1943. During the years 1937 and 1938 he was an organizer for the CIO labor unions in Connecticut and in 1938 joined the CIO United Office and Professional Workers Union. In July, 1943, he was named the Executive Secretary of the CIO Political Action Committee at San Francisco.

HEDLEY is a member of the Communist Party and has reportedly been an active organizer for the Party in Connecticut. He was considered the moving force behind all Communistic activities in Connecticut during the time he resided there. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] Prior to his arrival in this country in 1935, HEDLEY had graduated from Oxford University. He attended Yale University as a graduate student after his arrival and was suspended from the University because of his Communistic activities. (S) u) [REDACTED] [C]

HEDLEY has been identified with numerous Communist front groups, including the Connecticut Conference on Social and Labor Legislation, which instigated considerable Communist front activity. [REDACTED] b1

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HEDLEY is indicated as a contact of Dr. BERNARD PETERS. He is also a contact of PAUL PINSKY, with whom he has discussed the organization of "white collar workers." He has been in frequent contact with prominent Communists in San Francisco, including DAVID JENKINS, CLETA O'CONNOR YATES, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, REVA OLSON, California State Secretary of the American Youth for Democracy, and JOHN PITTMAN, Foreign Editor of the PEOPLES WORLD.

Upon leaving New Haven for San Francisco, HEDLEY left a forwarding address of 2615-B Divisadero Street, San Francisco, care of Dr. KATHEN A. KLINGHOFFER. SAMUEL GEORGE BLOOMFIELD, who is employed by the British Information Service, also resides at that address. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C)

As HEDLEY's employment and activity since coming to this country have been in the field of propaganda and political pressure, [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] This belief is strengthened by the fact that HEDLEY reportedly came to this country as a propaganda agent and has been an active speaker and writer. He has consistently followed the Party line in his speeches and writings and has advanced Communist philosophy in the economic and political fields. (S)(u) [REDACTED] [C]

It is obvious that HEDLEY is very well informed on political alignments and developments on the West Coast in view of his position as head of the Political Action Committee in San Francisco. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] (C)

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(C)

JORIS IVENS

[REDACTED] b1
(C)

IVENS is known to European contacts as a revolutionary Communist who was associated with the OTTO KATZ-LUDWIG RENN-BERTHOLD BRECHT revolutionary writers' group in Germany prior to their coming to the United States. IVENS has been associated with the Free Germany Movement in the United States, and he is in close contact with prominent Communists in the Los Angeles area. IVENS was in Russia from 1931-1933 at which time he directed the picture "Momsomol" (Russian Youth) (S)(u)

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[REDACTED] b1
(c)

IVENS has been very active in the production of pro-Russian films. b1

[REDACTED] b1
At that time IVENS was engaged in production of a propaganda film to be used on behalf of Russian War Relief. This film, entitled "Our Russian Front", was discussed by the PEOPLES WORLD January 9, 1942. It was stated that the action in the film was cut from official Soviet newsreel footage and described the film as "a documentary film on the Soviet's war with the Nazis." (S)(u)

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OTHERS GATHERING POLITICAL INFORMATION

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A group called the Farmer-Labor-Consumer Committee to Combat Inflation was formed in January, 1944, by LOUISE BRANTEN and JOHN McTERNAN in San Francisco. The purpose of this group was ostensibly to publicize the need to support the nation's economic stabilization program, but also was intended as a sounding board for a labor draft bill. The group was supposed to receive the support of organized labor, but unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor did not become involved, and consequently this group never became very active.

The Labor Research Association, located at 30 East 11th Street, New York City, was created in 1927, and incorporated in New York in 1930 as a non-profit enterprise. The purpose of the organization is to conduct research into economic and social questions in the interest of the labor movement and to render research service for trade unions and others workers' organizations.

The Research Association prepares books and pamphlets, issues monthly bulletins interpreting conditions "progressively" to approximately 2500 subscribers. The officers and employees are all connected with the Communist Political Association in some respect, and the books and pamphlets in the field of trade unionism are distributed in Communist Party branches and are also used in the Communist Jefferson School in New York. ROBERT DUNE is the Executive Secretary and GRACE HUTCHINS is employed as treasurer. STEEL ANATNIK was formerly employed by the Labor Research Association.

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COMINTERN ACTIVITY IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS

The flourishing and politically potent fraternal and social societies existing among the various foreign-born segments of the American population have long been a special target for Comintern propaganda and political pressure tactics on behalf of the USSR. Organizing or infiltrating these groups has been an important part of the operations of the American Communist Party since its inception. As a result of these tactics, the Party can now boast of many experienced and trustworthy Communists among the leaders of these organizations and among the editors and writers of their foreign language press. The Party has likewise constantly striven to increase its membership among persons of these national groups. Typical of such efforts is the following from a Party recruiting directive issued to all district offices of the Communist Party in the United States on December 4, 1943: "In planning the (recruiting) campaign, special attention shall be given to strengthening the Party amongst workers of Italian, Slavic, Polish, Jewish and Czechoslovakian origin."

It is a well-known fact that owing to cultural ties with the Old World, language ties, and a consequent clannishness among American colonies of immigrants from a particular area in Europe, the leaders of their organizations wield a tremendous political influence over the group as a whole. These groups, moreover, have the liveliest and most immediate concern with conditions in their native land. They are, therefore, more prone to express their wishes and to exert political influence on the United States Government with respect to a particular foreign country than is the American population as a whole.

A studied effort to influence and control these groups primarily concerned over conditions in European countries in which the Soviet Foreign Office has an interest is very much evident from a perusal of the Communist Party press and foreign language publications, which praise every Soviet diplomatic and political maneuver affecting the smaller European countries. They also consequently urge unwavering support for resistance or partisan groups in these countries. Abundant and specific evidence has been secured of the direction and manipulation of the political efforts of the societies and their publications by Soviet representatives in this country, through the American Communist organization. Clandestine liaison between the Soviet officials and their agents comprises a suspiciously large part of their efforts along this line. Sufficient political activity by and on behalf of the Soviet Union has been uncovered, and will be set forth below to illustrate the existence of a serious menace to our foreign policy.

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SLAVIC LANGUAGE GROUPS

There are two organizations whose main functions are the purveying of Kremlin-approved propaganda to the "pan-Slavic" or "all-Slavic" segment of the United States population, and the organizing of the "all-Slav" community into a pro-Soviet pressure group. These organizations are:

THE MOSCOW ALL SLAV COMMITTEE
Kalashni Road, House #6, Moscow, USSR

THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
National Executive Office:
8 West 40th Street, New York City
National Headquarters:
1601 Beaver Avenue, North Side,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THE MOSCOW ALL SLAV COMMITTEE's interest in the American Slav colony is incidental to its program of world-wide propagandization, whereas the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS is concerned solely with the United States' Slavs. Among the groups cooperating with these agencies are the following: Polish, Croatian, Serbian, Russian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Czech, Bulgarian, Byelo-Russian, Macedonian, Slovene, and even some of the remoter Slav contingents.

THE MOSCOW ALL SLAV COMMITTEE

This organization was formed in 1942, and is made up, allegedly, of representatives from all the major Slav colonies throughout the world. An indication of the type of individuals making up the Committee may possibly be had by looking into the background of the American representative, STEPAN ZINICH, with alias, STEVE STEFFINS. This man was deported from the United States on February 21, 1930, because of un-American activities. He was formerly Secretary of the Communist Language Federation in the United States, and reportedly engaged in gun-play as part of his Communist activities. It is believed that he now resides at Stanislaus Road, Fer. Dom 2-17 Kv., Moscow, USSR.

The principal weight of its propaganda lies along the following lines:

The Red Army is the savior of mankind.

The true patriots of all the Slav countries are fighting as

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"Partisans", either directly under the Red banner, or at least in co-operation with the Russian high command.

(Any Slav anti-Communist is a fascist, a Hitler lover, a traitor to his people, (and it is always open season for blackening his character, his political philosophy, his personal life, his family, and his associates.)

Pro-Soviet Slavs have contributed a major portion toward winning the war, toward science and the arts.

There is a strong blood relationship between the various Slavic groups. Mother Russia knows what is good for her offspring. She will aid and comfort them, but will chastise any unappreciative member of the family. There is a common destiny toward which all must work.

The above type of pressure and propaganda is distributed principally through two media: the ALL SLAV PRESS SERVICE, a news agency, and the SLAVYANE, a monthly magazine. The ALL SLAV PRESS SERVICE furnishes news articles direct from Moscow to American newspapers. The news is transmitted via cable or wireless, and is furnished free of charge. As an indication of its coverage, an informant has furnished this office a list of twenty-four different outlets that were in contact with the agency during June and July, 1944, and these are further mentioned in the section of this report dealing with propaganda.

The "SLAVYANE" (The Slavs), a propaganda magazine from Moscow, has three distribution agencies in North America:

Four Continent Book Corporation (Registered Soviet agency)
253 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Editorial Popular
Apartado 2352, Mexico, D.F.

Universal News Company
138 Hastings Street, East, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Among its published purposes is to outline "the chronological history of the Slav anti-Fascist movement in all Slav countries as well as in England, America, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa." It is not known to what extent this magazine is read in the United States.

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THE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

LEO KRZYCKI was elected President of this organization at its last convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 23-24, 1944. KRZYCKI is Vice President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) and it has been reported that his campaign for President of the Congress was financed by SIDNEY HILLMAN through the use of Political Action Committee funds.

The AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS has twenty-one branch offices throughout the United States, its headquarters being 1601 Beaver Avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The purposes of the Congress apparently coincide closely with those of its Moscow counterpart which were listed above. It concerns itself with both foreign and local politics, following the Kremlin-line in foreign matters, and following the Communist-line in local matters.

Representatives from the Serbian, Croatian, and Slovak sections of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, plus functionaries from the editorial staffs of the Communist-controlled newspapers, HRODNI GLASNIK (Croatian), SLCEODNA REC (Serbian), and L'UDOVY DENNIK (Slovak), have controlled the policy of the Congress. The weight of its influence is felt through the above three newspapers, other foreign language publications, and the Communist English language press, such as the DAILY WORKER, the PEOPLE'S WORLD, and the FRATERNAL OUTLOOK. Two Moscow news organs have publicized this organization: the SLAVYANE (mentioned above) and the official Comintern organ, PRAVDA.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

The Slavic groups that are most completely directed out of the Communist Political Association Headquarters in New York City are the various Slavic sections of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER. The policies followed by each Section of the IWO are cleverly planned, and are the result of collaboration of many of the sharpest minds in the Comintern. It is safe to report that Communist minds control almost 100% of the national program for each Section. The total membership of the IWO, including all Sections, is 176,000.

The following Slavic Sections of the IWO operate throughout the United States. It should be noted that each of these organizations has in some manner contributed to the policies of the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, and they will spearhead any Communist infiltration program into organizations among their specific national backgrounds.

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UKRAINIAN AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

National Officers: W. RIBACK
M. WARREN
M. RAKOCHY

Propaganda organ: UKRAINIAN DAILY NEWS

AMERICAN RUSSIAN FRATERNAL SOCIETY

National Officers: D. KASUSTCHIK
M. SCHULTZ
S. NIKOLAIUK

Propaganda organ: RUSSKY GOLOS

CARPATHO-RUSSIAN AMERICAN MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

National Officers: M. LAGCYDA

Propaganda organ: RUSSKY GOLOS

POLONIA SOCIETY (Polish)

National Officers: BOLESLAW GEBERT
W. HARCZ
STANLEY NOWAK

Propaganda organ: GLOS LUDOWY

SERBIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION

National Officers: NICHOLAS MILANOVICH
MICHAEL VULETICH
PETER VUKCEVICH

Propaganda organ: SLOBODNA REC

CROATIAN BENEFIT FRATERNITY OF AMERICA

National Officers: N. S. RAJKOVICH
LEO BACICH

Propaganda organ: NARADNI GLASNIK

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SLOVAK WORKERS SOCIETY

National Officers: HELEN VRABEL
PAUL HODOS
C. MUSIL
K. KORENIC

Propaganda organ: L'UDOVY DENNIK

BREAKDOWN OF SLAVIC GROUPS

JUGOSLAV

Communist political pressure has been particularly strong in relation to the internal affairs of Jugoslavia. The program pursued by Moscow was pointed toward proving that MIKHAILOVICH, Minister of War under King PETER and leader of Chetnik guerrilla resistance, was a collaborationist with Italian Fascists. Concurrent with this thesis was the effort to prove that Marshal JOSIP "TITO" BROZOVICH was a homespun democratic nationalist, the duly elected representative of the Yugoslav people. Originally the pressure campaign smacked of Democracy versus Monarchy, but when King PETER ousted MIKHAILOVICH as Minister of War, and appointed Ban IVAN SUBASIC to the Premiership of the government-in-exile this angle of the problem was dropped. The Soviet Foreign Office was almost completely successful in this maneuver, and its success establishes one of the best examples of propaganda as a tool for intervention in the internal affairs of another power.

The following American organizations placed a major emphasis on the program to force through the above Soviet stratagem:

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS
1010 Park Avenue, New York City

WAR RELIEF FUND OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS
1010 Park Avenue, New York City

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICANS OF CROATIAN DESCENT
c/o ANTHONY LUCAS, Attorney
610 Blakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

AMERICAN CROATIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS
c/o ROSE PLODINEC
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

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SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL
6417 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

SERBIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION
902 Columbia Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CROATIAN BENEFIT FRATERNITY OF AMERICA
(address not known)

The following individuals have been most active in the San Francisco area in forwarding indirectly the foreign policy of the Soviet Union:

PETER CENGIA, alias
Peter Cengija

CENGIA, who resides at 333 Lester Avenue, Oakland, California, is an insurance salesman with offices in the Latham Square Building, Room 704, Oakland, California. He was born in Lostovo, Dalmatia (formerly Austria and now Yugoslavia) on September 11, 1895. He arrived in the United States in July, 1913; claimed exemption from Selective Service in World War I due to his status as an enemy alien; and was naturalized in Alameda County May 12, 1928.

(C) [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] He is probably the most prominent politician in Slavic affairs in Northern California today, being a member of the National Committee of the UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS, a member of the National Committee of the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, President of the Oakland Chapter of the UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS, organizer and President of the Slav-American Council of the East Bay, and organizer of the Slavic American Veterans League of Alameda County. (S)(u)

This man has been extolled by the PEOPLE'S WORLD and is publicized weekly by the NARODNI GLASNIK, Croatian Communist newspaper printed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is reportedly a personal friend of Dr. JOHN F. SLAVICH, Mayor of the City of Oakland, California, and capitalizes on this friendship to benefit his organizations. He is currently the director and master of ceremonies of a program appearing over Station KIX, Oakland, California, every Sunday at 12:15 P.M. The purpose of this program is to win friends for the TITO government in Yugoslavia and publicize left wing Slavic activities in California.

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NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAS, alias
Nikola Juraj Mikolac

NICHOLAS, who resides at Box 481, Mary Avenue, Mountain View, California, is a prune and apricot grower. He was born at Plina, Dalmatia, Yugoslavia, on March 12, 1898. He received naturalization certificate #1714170 at San Jose, California, on June 29, 1922.

NICHOLAS has been a Communist Party member since 1919. He was formerly a member of the Supreme Board of Directors of the CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is currently a National Committee member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICANS OF CROATIAN DESCENT. He was formerly intimately connected with the NARODNI GLASNIK, Croatian Communist newspaper, and was national financial campaign manager for this newspaper. He is a close personal friend of TONY MIERICH, editor of this newspaper, and STEVE LOYEN, allegedly director of the Communist Party line in its editorial policy. (S)(u)

This man has reportedly fallen into bad graces in the national Yugoslav picture due to alleged mishandling of CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION funds, but he is presently President and organizer of the San Jose United Committee of South Slavic Americans. It is believed that NICHOLAS is more intimately acquainted with top-ranking national Yugoslav Communists than any other man in California.

GEORGE JOSEPH VUKMANICH

VUKMANICH, who resides at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, is employed by the Richmond Shipyards at Richmond, California, in the Public Relations Department. He is an American citizen of American birth.

(c) [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] He resided in Moscow, Russia, from 1928 to 1932, and from 1934 to 1936 he was employed as a clerk in the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia. b1
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VUKMANICH was formerly Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco ALL SLAV COUNCIL, but it is not known that he is presently affiliated with any Slavic organizations in Northern California.

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MATHEW SPOLER, alias
Matt Spoler, Matija Spolaric

SPOLER, who resides at 1075 Valencia Street, San Francisco, is employed as an upholsterer in the Frank Gallareo Company, 2912 College Avenue, Berkeley, California. SPOLER was born in Petris, Yugoslavia, June 10, 1897, and was naturalized in the United States on January 13, 1930, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was formerly the editor of "NAPREJ", alleged Communist Slavic language weekly printed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1931 he was Communist Party candidate for Clerk of Courts in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

The activities of this man have currently been of interest to this office. On October 25, 1943, [REDACTED] received a telegram from DRAGOTIN GUSTINCIC, functionary of the MOSCOW ALL SLAV COMMITTEE of Moscow, Russia, requesting that his committee be furnished the present address of MATT SPOLER. [REDACTED] telegraphically set forth SPOLER's address as 1075 Valencia Street, San Francisco. It is not known why this telegram was sent from Moscow, nor has it been reported that SPOLER has ever been contacted by Moscow sources nor has he made an effort to contact GUSTINCIC. (S)(u)

Of interest at this point is the fact that ELSIE SPOLER, wife of MATT SPOLER, is a National Committee member of the AMERICA CROATIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS, a known Communist-dominated organization with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The following Yugoslavs in the United States are those who are most active in leading the American Yugoslav colony along paths approved by the Soviet Foreign Office. (S)(u)

NEW YORK AREA

[THOMAS BABIN, alias
Mr. Johnson, Tomas Babin, Tom Babin,
Tommasco Babin, Toma Babin, Tomc Babin,
Suethe Babin, Mr. Perkins] (S)(u)

BABIN resides at 274 West 19th Street, New York City. He was born December 12, 1901 at Poljana, Yugoslavia and is not a citizen of the (S)(u)

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United States. He has a common-law wife, MARY FERKINS who has two children, [REDACTED], age [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], age [REDACTED]. MARY FERKINS is a member of the National Committee of the Croatian Women's Congress and is actively engaged in propaganda on behalf of TITO. BABIN is employed as a longshoreman by the Holland-American Line of Jarka, Inc., Pier 15, Hoboken, New Jersey. He is a member of Local 890 of the International Longshoremen's Association, and is President of the Yugoslav Seamen's Club which supports TITO. (S)(u) b7c

It is not known whether BABIN is a member of the Communist Party. He [REDACTED] receives mail from known Communist front organizations, and frequently distributes among seamen literature received from the Russian War Relief office. The Yugoslav Seamen's Club, of which he is president, is allegedly Communist controlled and supports the same faction in Yugoslavia as is supported by the Soviet Union. BABIN's common-law wife, MARY FERKINS, registered in the Marxist summer day school in July, 1942, and signed a Communist Party petition in 1940. (S)(u) b1 [E]

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[REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] b1
(C) [REDACTED]

BABIN is a close associate of LOUIS ADAMIC, a famed Yugoslavian author and President of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans. It is possible that the activities of BABIN parallel those of ADAMIC.

(C) [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] On May 9, 1944 BABIN contacted [REDACTED] who is believed to be the wife of [REDACTED] presently b7c
on an overseas assignment for the [REDACTED] BABIN
also was employed by CSS for a short period of time in 1943. (C) u 1

BABIN arrived at the port of New York as a crew member of the SS Scottish Maiden on August 2, 1939. He has stated that he served in the Spanish Army from 1937 to 1939. He was employed by Jerka, Inc. from 1940 to May, 1943, and from May until November, 1943, he worked for the [REDACTED] Around this time he requested his local b7c
board for permission to leave the country, and it is believed that this was in connection with his work for [REDACTED] He resumed employment with Jerka in November, 1943, and has worked there regularly to date. It is one of the largest stevedoring companies in the United States and handles the loading of many Russian ships. [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (C)

In April, 1942, he was a delegate to the American-Slav Congress at Detroit, Michigan, and on October 30, 1943, he attended a meeting of the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. He has frequent contact with the National Maritime Union and the International Workers Order and receives mail from Russian War Relief, the IWO, and many Yugoslavian organizations. On July 15, 1944, he attended a meeting aboard the Yugoslavian ship, SS Alexander I, anchored in New York Bay. His wife, MARY FERKINS, is one of the directors of the Croatian Cultural Center, and she receives considerable mail from the newspaper "Narodni Glasnik", successor to "Radnik", which was the official organ of the Yugoslav section of the Communist Party. (C) u b7c

On October 21, 1931, [REDACTED] in an affidavit to Immigration Service, stated that TOM BABIN, a Yugoslav alien, age 31, was deported on or about 1925, returned to the United States about 1928, and was here

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illegally. He further stated that BABIN was a leader of the Yugoslav Communist group in New York. A warrant of arrest was issued for BABIN on January 12, 1932, but was served by mistake on a relative of his by the name of [REDACTED]. Found in [REDACTED] home, where BABIN had resided, *bx* was a passport issued to TOMIASCO BABIN, dated January 10, 1920. In addition, Communist literature and a copy of the newspaper, Radnik, was found.

OSKAR ANTE MAGAZINOVIC, alias
Oscar Magazinovic

MAGAZINOVIC, who was born in Dalmatia, now a part of Yugoslavia, December 6, 1914, is a citizen of Yugoslavia currently sailing on merchant vessels of the United Nations. During the past five years he has been in various harbors of Yugoslavia and other European countries, South Africa and the United States, arriving in the United States May 19, 1942 for permanent residence and the continuation of his college education. At the time of his arrival he indicated his occupation as a technical engineer. MAGAZINOVIC has been active in the affairs of the Yugoslav Seamen's Club and has acted as one of its spokesmen on occasion. This organization is alleged to be Communist dominated.

MAGAZINOVIC came to attention in this investigation as a result of his association with THOMAS BABIN. Investigation has disclosed that MAGAZINOVIC on April 18, 1944 was a guest at BABIN's home and was in frequent contact with him, at least partially in connection with the affairs of the Yugoslav Seamen's Club. It is reported that MAGAZINOVIC has written a book, the name of which is unknown, one thousand copies of which will be distributed by BABIN. The nature of this publication is unknown. On April 18, 1944 while at BABIN's home, MAGAZINOVIC communicated with a [REDACTED] (phonetic), who was *b7c* evidently connected with the Office of [REDACTED] stating that he would like to see [REDACTED] at "the club" that night. In reply [REDACTED] stated that he had a girl who was a Naval officer, an American who speaks Russian, that he would like to take to "the club" in order that she might "meet our friends." MAGAZINOVIC indicated that it would be agreeable to take her to "the club". It is believed that the club referred to was the Yugoslav Seamen's Club.

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On May 5, 1944 the New York newspaper, PM, carried an article indicating that MAGAZINOVIC, acting as spokesman for the Yugoslav Seamen's Club of New York City, was petitioning the United States Government to release at least two ships to be used for the transportation of food and other supplies to Yugoslav Partisan forces in liberated ports. The article revealed that the Club, formed three years ago in the interests of Yugoslav seamen, had sent a petition directly to the White House.

DETROIT AREA

DANIEL JOSEPH LEPO, alias
Dane Liposcak, Daniel Lepov,
Daniel Leposcak, Daniel Liposcak,
Daniel Lepo, Daniel Lipcv, Danny Leppe

LEPO resides at 17449 Omira Street, Detroit Michigan, and is employed at Fisher Body Division, General Motors Research Building, where he makes jigs and fixtures for a new pursuit ship, the P-75. He is an American citizen, born on November 11, 1910 in Ctok Na Dobri, Yugoslavia, and entered the United States at New York City on May 5, 1913, and became a naturalized citizen through the naturalization of his father in 1927. He is married to MARIE LEPO and is a member of the IWO.

In October, 1931, LEPO went to Russia allegedly to work in the coal mines, arrangements for his trip being made through Amtorg in New York City. He returned to the United States in September, 1936. In 1937, LEPO went to Spain, served with the Loyalist Army, was wounded and returned to the United States in 1938, having attained the rank of Captain. In 1939-1940 LEPO was employed as editor of the "Narodni Glasnik", a Pittsburgh Croatian paper following the Communist line. In March, 1941, LEPO was fined \$200.00 for perjury in obtaining signatures to a Communist election petition.

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It is noted that in 1939-1940 LEPO was employed as editor of a Croatian language newspaper, which is "the Communist organ in the Pittsburgh district". Also subsequent to his return from Spain he made speeches under the auspices of the IWO and Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, some of which were made at CP headquarters. There is also evidence that LEPO has disseminated Communist literature.

[REDACTED], the brother of DANIEL, is presently in the U. S. Army, and is last known to have been stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas (September, 1943). He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His Communist affiliation, if any, is not known. (c) b1/b7C /

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PITTSBURGH AREA

ANTHONY MINERICH

MINERICH is editor of the NARODNI GLASNIK, known Communist Croatian language newspaper printed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and he is in constant contact with Communist functionaries in the East.

STEVE LOYEN

LOYEN, editorial writer for the NARODNI GLASNIK, has been reported as the brains behind the Communist line as followed by the editorial policy of his newspaper.

PETER M. VUKCEVICH

A Serbian by the name of PETER M. VUKCEVICH is active on the Serbian language Communist newspaper, SLOBODNA REC, printed in Pittsburgh. He is also President of the Serbian Section of the International Workers Order and has been reported as one of the most influential Serbian Communists in the United States.

POLISH GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

Policies as formulated by the Soviet Foreign Office in regard to internal affairs in Poland have not been as completely successful as those formulated for Yugoslavia, but at the present writing it appears that they hold the upper hand and that in the post-war era Poland will be dominated by a Government at least partially dictated to by Moscow. The original pressure brought to bear by Comintern sources was for the purpose of proving the Fascist connections of Polish General SOSNIEWSKI and Premier MIKOLAJCZYK, both of the Polish government in exile, with headquarters in London, England. Most Communist sources throughout the world made an effort to discredit these two men in particular, and the government in exile generally.

In 1943 WANDA WASILEWSKA, prominent Polish Communist novelist, organized the Union of Polish Patriots, which soon became the administrative front for publicizing Soviet aims in Poland. This organization still

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exists and publishes a newspaper in Moscow known as "Wolna Polska" (Free Poland). Out of the Union of Polish Patriots grew the Polish Committee of National Liberation, commonly known today as the Lublin Government. With General ZYGMUNT BERLING as its anti-Fascist military hero and WANDA WASILEWSKA as its publicity agent, this government was set up as the only truly Democratic Polish agency.

The campaign to establish widespread support for the Lublin Government of National Liberation has been spearheaded in the United States by Professor OSCAR LANGE of the University of Chicago; ED PALKOWSKI, journalist in New York; Dr. ALEXANDER HERTZ, chief of the Polish desk, ONI Headquarters, New York City; and BOLESŁAW GEBERT, President of the IWO Polonia Society.

Agencies that are most effective in this program include the "Polpress", sometimes referred to as "Pole-Press", a cable and wireless news agency handling press releases from the Lublin Government. Polpress is located at Room 2431, 11 West 42nd Street, New York City, and it is officially sponsored and financed by the Soviet news agency "Tass".

"Poland Fights" is a propaganda agency sponsored by the Polish Labor Group, which is in turn underwritten by the American Friends of Polish Democracy. This organization is located at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, and its pamphlets are edited by Dr. Alexander Hertz.

Inasmuch as Polish War Relief refused to cooperate with representatives of the Lublin Government of National Liberation, Communist Polish functionaries in the United States organized the American Relief For Poland, which uses as its distribution agency Russian War Relief. Concerning the founding of this Communist-approved relief agency, it should be noted that when OSCAR LANGE was in Russia he made arrangements whereby such an agency would be supported by Moscow and the Lublin group, and when he returned to the United States, he assigned Boleslaw Gebert to arrange the details with Russian War Relief Headquarters in New York City.

Other agencies that have consistently supported the Soviet Poles are "Glos Ludowy" (People's Voice), Polish language newspaper printed in Detroit, Michigan, and edited by THOMAS DOMBROWSKI; the Polonia Society, formerly known as the Polish Section of the International Workers Order, with BOLESŁAW GEBERT as President and Headquarters in Detroit, Michigan; the Kosciuszko League, 5001 Grandy Street, Detroit, Michigan, which was founded in 1943 with Reverend STANLEY ORLEMANSKI as its principal leading figure; the American-Polish Labor Council founded in 1944 at Cleveland,

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Ohio, of which LEO KRZYCKI is the dominant figure. It should be noted that KRZYCKI is prominent in the labor movement in the United States and is President of the American Slav Congress, which has been previously mentioned.

Following is a statement regarding the backgrounds of two men previously mentioned as leaders in Communist Polish circles in the United States:

NEW YORK AREA

EDWARD JAMES FALKOWSKI, alias
Walter Falkowski

FALKOWSKI, who resides at Apartment 6B-530 West 122nd Street, Bronx, New York, was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, in October, 1901, and is a writer for "Fraternal Outlook", official International Workers Order publication, and "Glos Ludowy", Polish language Communist newspaper of Detroit. From 1930 to 1931 he was a staff writer for the Moscow Daily News in Moscow, Russia. He is a member of the International Union of Revolutionary Writers, the Revolutionary Writers Federation, and is membership director of the Polish IWO Chapter 3560 in New York City. It has been reported that he is a close friend of LOUIS ADAMIC, previously listed Slovene propagandist.

CHICAGO AREA

OSKAR RYSZARD LANGE

Lange
OSKAR RYSZARD LANGE resides at 6044 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as an Economics Professor at the University of Chicago. He was born July 27, 1904 in Poland and was educated at the University of Cracow. He was employed in the Ministry of Labor, Warsaw, and was a lecturer at the Polish Free University of Warsaw until 1937. Thereafter he lectured at a number of American Universities and colleges. He is regarded as an international authority on economics statistics. He is married and has one son. (In addition to his teaching, LANGE is very active in working toward the acceptance of the Moscow-sponsored Polish Committee of National Liberation and appears to be the principal figure in the Russian program to obtain recognition for the Committee.) Although he obtained his American citizenship last year, informants report that he is anticipating an appointment in a new government of Poland.

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That his activities receive the official sanction of the Soviet Government is clear from the pattern into which they fall, and it is not improbable that he receives direct instructions from Soviet officials. In April and May of 1944 he visited Russia at the invitation of the Union of Polish Patriots. The latter organization was established in Moscow in March, 1943, under the leadership of WANDA WASILEWSKA, a Polish Communist, and still maintains headquarters in Moscow. LANGE returned in June, 1944, urging formation of a Polish Government that would be "acceptable to Moscow". He stated that he had conferred with STALIN and MOLOTOV.



Since returning from this trip, LANGE has acted with the appearance of at least a semi-official connection with the Polish Committee of National Liberation. On August 5, 1944 he addressed a letter to ANTONI GRONOWICZ, in which he admonishes GRONOWICZ as follows: "I think that all of us, whether Polish or American citizens, should be most careful not to undertake any steps unless authorized explicitly by the Polish Committee of National Liberation. In particular, we should be careful not to make any plans as to who should be appointed to what positions, because this would be encroaching on the authority of the Committee." GRONOWICZ had submitted a memorandum containing suggestions on the organization of the new Polish government which prompted this reply. He has been a regular contributor to PM and New Masses.

Relative to LANGE's expectation of securing an official position with the new government, it is known that he has recently made a study of the question whether an American citizen can become a Minister, Ambassador, or Consul of a foreign government.

A further indication of LANGE's official connection with the Committee may be observed in the following incident. On August 11, 1944, LANGE cancelled a speech he was scheduled to make in Detroit on the Polish question "in view of recent developments". HENRY PODOLSKI, of the Detroit Polish newspaper "Glos Ludowy" stated that it was cancelled because LANGE is the unofficial representative in this country of the Polish Committee of National Liberation. It is to be noted that Premier MIKOLAJCZYK of the Polish Government in exile had gone to Moscow for conferences with Soviet officials and representatives of the Committee. On August 11, 1944 these conferences came to an abrupt end and MIKOLAJCZYK returned to London. On the following day LANGE apparently received more information about the significance of this occurrence, for on that date he decided to appear as scheduled for his speech. LANGE had had a long discussion with MIKOLAJCZYK in Washington shortly before the latter went to Moscow.

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Another evidence of LANGE's influence in Moscow is that on June 13, 1944 he wrote to the Union of Polish Patriots, Moscow, suggesting that the Commander of the Polish Army extend an invitation to CHARLES OLSON to visit Moscow and march into Poland with the Army as a journalist. OLSON was formerly with the Office of War Information and was, during the Presidential campaign, head of the foreign language section of the Democratic Party. He has been a frequent contact of LANGE.



A study of LANGE's activities indicates that his principal purpose is the prosecution of a propaganda program calculated to popularize the Polish Committee of National Liberation and to undermine the Polish Government in exile in London, which, at the present time, is recognized by the United States and Great Britain, but with which diplomatic relations have been severed by the Soviets. LANGE's propaganda activities are devoted principally to speeches, lectures and writings, the display of motion pictures, and organization of relief to "liberated" Poland.

Informants have indicated that when LANGE was in Russia in April-May, 1944, he accepted responsibility for organizing relief work in this country for Poles. Soviet officials indicated that aid for Poland was to be forwarded through Russian War Relief on Soviet ships and would be distributed by Soviet authorities to the Polish Committee of National

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Liberation. On his return to this country, LANGE and his associates presented this plan to Polish War Relief. The latter organization was, however, unwilling to deal through the Soviets. Accordingly, a new group, known as American Relief to Poland, was organized. LANGE was active in the formation of this new group, which has been established with LEO KRZYCKI as its Chairman. Its establishment was formally announced by KRZYCKI August 14, 1944 at a meeting of the Polish-American Labor Council, at which time it was also stated that packages for Poland should be given to Russian War Relief. KRZYCKI has been one of LANGE's closest associates throughout these gyrations. He is president of the American-Polish Labor Council, a Vice President of HILLMAN's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, leader of the American-Slav Congress. He is a known Communist and has been active in revolutionary activities for many years.

LANGE has secured a number of motion picture films, which have been characterized by those who have seen them as straight Russian-Communist propaganda. According to confidential informants, LANGE has received these films directly from Russia, some of them also being sent to the KOSCIUSZKO League. The White Eagle Film Company has been organized in Chicago to handle the display of the films on a commercial basis, and LANGE has entered into a contract with JOSEPH K. HELLMUTH, WENZEL HETEM, and FRANK I. GORDON to rent theatres and arrange for their display to the public. Ten per cent of the profits is claimed by LANGE who has stated that he will turn this money over to Russian War Relief, inasmuch as he was given the film by the Union of Polish patriots. (A)(u)

BALTIC GROUPS IN UNITED STATES

For the purposes of this report, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian matters will be considered under the single heading of Baltic activities.

In 1929 and 1940 plebiscites were held in the three Baltic states under the auspices of the Soviet Red Army for the purpose of determining what government the people desired. The inevitable results of these plebiscites showed that the three Baltic states desired to be attached to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and to function under Soviet systems of government. The Soviet Foreign Office's policy relative to the Baltic states has been primarily concerned with proving to the world that the Baltic people genuinely desire incorporation into the Soviet system of government. Consequently, the various Communist-dominated Baltic groups within the United States have been active in propagandizing recalcitrant

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American Balts in an effort to convert them to the Kremlin cause and to substantiate Moscow claims. As a result of this program, an effort had been made to malign and blackball the three Baltic consuls in the United States, and Communist newspapers generally have devoted considerable space to prove that the Estonian, Lithuanian, and Latvian Consuls-General are not only Fascist sympathizers but actually Fascists at heart.

Organizations that have been most active in support of the Russian claims have been:

- The Estonian Workers Club, 126 East 120th Street, New York City;
- The Estonian Progressive Club;
- The Latvian Unity Club;
- The Lithuanian Workers Alliance;
- The American-Lithuanian Workers Literary Society;
- The Democratic American Lithuanian Council;
- The Democratic Lithuanian Conference; and
- The Baltic-American Cultural Council.

Publications supporting these organizations and their pro-Soviet program have been:

- ✓ The VILNIS (Lithuanian), printed in Chicago, with ANDRALL BURSEIKA and FRANK ABEKAS as editors;
- ✓ The LAISVE (Lithuanian), printed in New York City, with ANTHONY BEBA as editor; and
- ✓ The UUS ILI (Estonian), printed in New York City, with M. NUKK as editor.

There are two known Estonian language publications circulated in the United States and printed in Russia, known as the EDASI (Forward) and the KOMUNISLI TEEL.

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Although informants report that there are scarcely one thousand people of Baltic origin in Northern California, it should be noted that an extremely active pro-Russian Baltic Committee has been functioning in the bay area since 1941. Chicago sources have reported that possibly the local group is affiliated with a nationwide American Committee of Baltic Nationalities sponsored by the USSR consulate in New York City. Membership on the committee locally varies considerably from one project to another, their projects being concerned primarily with gospelizing the inevitable mutual destinies of the Baltic States and the USSR, and soliciting Russian War Relief funds and material.

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ESTONIAN

(u) [ANASTASIA KARLOVNA JURGENSON, alias
Mrs. Alexander Jurgenson, Anna
Jurgenson, Annie Jurgenson.]

JURGENSON resides with her husband, ALEXANDER JURGENSON, and her son, [REDACTED], at 4031 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, California. She was married October 25, 1923, at Parnu, Estonia, the birthplace of her husband, and her citizenship is unknown. Her husband is a citizen of Russia and entered the United States November 1, 1938. He was allegedly deported from Australia during the 1930's for criminal syndicalism. ANNA JURGENSON is a member of the Executive Committee of the Russian-American Society. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] In a speech delivered in 1941 she is reported to have extolled Stalin's Balkan policy and to have stated that she hoped he would soon effect the liberation of the American worker. (A)(u) [REDACTED] b

GEORGE MEEL

MEEL, 1185 Oak Street, San Francisco, has been recently elected to the Executive Board of Miscellaneous Employees Union #110, AFL, and represents that union on the San Francisco AFL Labor Council. It is known that MEEL is one of the contacts of high Communist functionaries in this area [and has intimate dealings with the daily PEOPLE'S WORLD, to which he has been a subscriber since 1941.] Informants have reported that in his apartment have been seen piles of Communist propaganda written in the Estonian language. (A)(u)

LATVIAN

BETTY NORMAN

BETTY NORMAN, 945 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, is more active as a Communist functionary than as a Latvian organizer, although she is considered one of the most active supporters of the Baltic Committee. She has been active in PEOPLE'S WORLD drives, has attended schools restricted to promising Communist Party members, and has held various offices in several Communist branches. It is alleged that in January, 1943, she stated: "The overthrow of the U. S. Government and the replacing of it with the Russian form of government will be the only solution to problems facing the working people in the United States."

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[REDACTED], is a member of the I.L.W.U. Women's Auxiliary. As a representative of this auxiliary she was a volunteer office worker at the campaign headquarters of OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, high Communist functionary who was running for political office in 1943. She has had business dealings with the PEOPLE'S WORLD and has subscribed to the paper since 1941. She is ordinarily one of the most active organizers and officers in Baltic functions.

LITHUANIAN

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[REDACTED] has never been an officer in the BALTIC COMMITTEE but Chicago records show that he was one of the most active Communist agitators in that area several years ago. He was formerly active in the Communist Lithuanian language press. He has been in San Francisco less than a year [REDACTED] but is a member of the Communist Political Association under the alias of [REDACTED]. Although never an officer of the local group, he has been active in their programs. He resides with [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Little is known about him except that he is energetic as an officer in this group, particularly in its Russian War Relief program. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] is reportedly a Federal employee, possibly with the [REDACTED]. She has taken classes at the AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, has worked on Russian War Relief campaigns. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] She is a known contact of [REDACTED] of New York City. b7c

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] b7c
Little is known about this woman except that she is usually one of the most active organizers of Baltic activities and Russian War Relief. It should be noted that her name is possibly [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

During 1944 the Baltic Committee has become quite active. It has scheduled parties, banquets and speeches, the proceeds of which functions are turned over to Russian War Relief or Baltic Partisan Relief. Most widely publicized of its local functions was the dinner dance held April 2, 1944, at the Czech Sokol Hall, 739 Page Street, San Francisco. Dr. ANNA LOUISE STRONG was guest of honor at this dinner and also speaker for the evening. STRONG stated that she was in the Baltic States when the people voted inclusion within the USSR, and that all of the people wanted it this way. The USSR Consul General sent a congratulatory telegram to the committee, which was read at the meeting, and fifty USSR seamen were guests for the dinner and dancing.

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ROJUS MIZARA, alias
Roy Mizara

MIZARA lives at 37-40 - 72nd Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York. He is employed as editor of a daily Lithuanian newspaper, "Laisve", which is alleged to be Communistic because of its emphasis on the needs of Russia and the prominence which it gives to Communist activities. He is married to EVA MIZARA, who was formerly married to ANTHONY BEEBA. MIZARA, together with JOHN GASIUNAS, served as a representative of the Lithuanian Workers Alliance ("LDS") on the committee to organize the Democratic Convention for Lithuanians in America.

MIZARA is recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the Lithuanian Communists in the United States [REDACTED] b1

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At the time of ROTONSKY's recall to Soviet Russia, MIZARA wrote an article for "Laisve" highly praising his efforts in this country on behalf of Soviet Russia and the Lithuanian people living in America. & u

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ANTHONY BEMBA, alias
Anton Birba, "Tony",
Antanas Birba

BEMBA resides at 383 South Third Street, Brooklyn, New York. He has been a member of the Communist Party since about 1917 and was for many years Secretary of the Lithuanian Bureau of the Communist Party in America. He is styled "the EARL BROWDER of the Lithuanian Communist groups" and is considered by them to be the most active individual with the Lithuanian Communists at the present time. He has been active in the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and in the Democratic Lithuanian Conference, which formed the Communist front organization called the Democratic American Lithuanian Council. For many years he has been one of the leaders of the Lithuanian Workers Literary Society of America, which is reported to spread Communist propaganda among Lithuanians in this country. He is Chairman of the Latvian Unity Club.

BEMBA is the chief editor of "Laisve", a Lithuanian language daily newspaper published in Brooklyn, which is reported to be a Communist organ. His editorials are pro-Russian and pro-Communist. He has written several books among which are "History of the War of the Classes of America", "The Road to a New Life", and "The Woman Worker in America".

He has been active in relief work for the Soviet Union and in a speech in New York before the Democratic Lithuanian Conference in December of 1943 he stated; "To free Lithuania, help the Soviet Army. We have already sent the Soviet Army \$100,000.00 worth of bundles, clothing, cigarettes, tobacco and pipes."

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BEMBA is a contact of CHARLES ALEXANDER DIRBA and of ROJUS MIZARA. He resides with [REDACTED], a Communist Party member and has had considerable correspondence with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] California. b7c

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CHARLES ALEXANDER DIRBA, whose background is set forth elsewhere in this report, has about 120 members in his Latvia Unity Club. He is also interested in the Baltic-American Cultural Council, which in 1941 had under its control the Estonian Progressive Society, the Latvia Unity Club, and the Swedish Athletic Club. DIRBA spends a great deal of time with the Baltic language groups and effectively controls a large part of the membership. He does not have complete dominance in the Baltic field, however, as there is an opposition group who have recognized DIRBA's organizations as Communist fronts. DIRBA also is interested in Russian War Relief and the sending of packages to Latvian soldiers fighting in the Red Army. Of interest to this case was DIRBA's sending of two packages to Los Angeles to [REDACTED], mother of [REDACTED], an associate of KHEIPETS. b7c [REDACTED] is active in Lithuanian language affairs, and it is probable these packages contained propaganda.

Aside from DIRBA's activities in the language group field, intensive investigation has failed to disclose where he is functioning in the Comintern Apparatus. [REDACTED] b1

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PETER REPECKA

REPECKA resides at 1015 East 68th Street, Inglewood, California. He was born June 19, 1929 in Lithuania and is alleged to have been naturalized in 1921 or 1923 at Worcester, Massachusetts. He is married to Mrs. C. REPECKA, who resides with him.

He is reported to have Communist leanings; however, no information has been developed to substantiate this allegation. REPECKA is active in Lithuanian affairs.

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NICHOLAS ALEXS OSTAPKOFF, alias
Nicol Alexander Ostapkoff,
Nicholas Alex Ostapp, Nick Tull,
Nicholas Nickunas, Nick Ostepp,
Ostapp Tull, Mr. Nick

OSTAPKOFF resides at 901 West Exposition Boulevard, Apartment 31, Los Angeles, California and is employed by the State of California Museum. He was born in Prussia on May 15, 1893 and registered as an alien in December, 1940. He is in possession of a Lithuanian Passport dated March 24, 1937. No record is known as to where he was born or where and when he entered this country. He was investigated for falsely claiming citizenship before the State Civil Service Commission in connection with his state employment, however, prosecution was declined on the ground that there was some doubt as to lack of good faith on the part of OSTAPKOFF in claiming United States citizenship. He is married, has no children, and his wife, MARY SHAROCK, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is unemployed. [REDACTED] b1

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PAUL PUPIS, alias Pavel Pupis

PAUL PUPIS resides at 1531 El Sereno Street and is employed as a chauffeur and a gardner of Mr. J. A. BURTON, 541 South Ardmore Street, Los Angeles, California. He was born January 8, 1885, at Linkovo, Russia, and entered the United States at New York City on April 26, 1909. He became a citizen of the United States on September 24, 1915. He is married to JULIA M. PUPIS, a known Communist in the Los Angeles area, and has two grown children.

PAUL PUPIS registered as a member of the Communist Party in 1928, and is known as a Communist Party leader and agitator among the Lithuanian people in Los Angeles.

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CHICAGO AREA

FRED ABEK, alias Fredd Abekevich

ABEK is associated with LEON PRUSEIKA in the editing of "Vilnis", a Lithuanian daily paper, published in Chicago, which paper is alleged to be Communistic.

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FINNISH GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES

FINNISH-AMERICAN MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, formerly the Finnish Workers Federation

This is a national Finnish fraternal organization, affiliated with the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER. MATTI WIITALA is editor of a Finnish language periodical published under the sponsorship of this organization at Superior, Wisconsin, and which is called the "Tyomes." HUGO PASSKIVI is the business manager of this periodical. Both PASSKIVI and WIITALA are members of the National Executive Committee of the Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society.

This Society, together with its affiliated organizations, has consistently supported the Communist Party Line. Early in 1940, numerous handbills were put out by the FINNISH WORKERS FEDERATION supporting the Soviet invasion of Finland, and indicating the Federation's backing of the puppet "People's Republic" set up in Finland under the auspices of the Soviet Union. MATTI WIITALA, late in 1939, while speaking as a member of the Federation, was quoted in the People's World, Communist San Francisco newspaper, as speaking in support of the Soviet attack on Finland.

The CALIFORNIA FINNISH FEDERATION is identical with the California District of the FINNISH-AMERICAN MUTUAL AID SOCIETY and the membership of the organization is almost entirely composed of "Red Finns." TED LINTVALL, Secretary of the local organization, and FRANK MALLIN, a very active member, are both known Communists. At the recently held convention of the California District of the FINNISH-AMERICAN MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, held in Berkeley, California, the delegates went on record as approving all of the terms of the Soviet-Finnish armistice, and called for unity of all Finnish-Americans in support of the new pro-Soviet government of Finland.

ARMENIAN GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC., also known as Armenian Progressive League, Armenian Progressive Party, Armenian Progressive Association, Armenian Progressive Committee

The National Headquarters of the ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC., is at 40 East 12th Street, New York City. This is also

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the headquarters for a newspaper published by this group and which is called "Lraper," issued bi-weekly in the Armenian language. The League has branches in all Armenian colonies throughout the United States. It is known as the group of Armenians most friendly to the Soviet Union and supports the rule of Armenia by the Soviets as one of the sixteen Soviet republics of the USSR.

The League was evolved in 1928 from a group called "A SOCIETY TO AID ARMENIANS." The League's stated purpose is "to serve economic, cultural, and social advancements of Americans of Armenian descent and to strengthen the bond of citizenship with the American people to work for peace and democracy." At the present time the League is most active in work to aid Russia in her war effort. The various branches of the League, notable in Los Angeles and San Francisco, are led by Communists and it, as well as its paper, follows the Communist Party Line faithfully and strongly opposes Armenian groups dedicated to efforts toward an independent Armenia.

LOS ANGELES AREA:

DR. VAUGHAN A. K. TASHJIAN, alias
Dr. Vaughan Arpes Tashjian, Vaughan
Kevork Tashjian, Vahan Kevork Tashjian,
Don Fresno, Dr. Vaughan Parker, B. K.
Parker, Don Powers.

TASHJIAN resides at 1064 West Boulevard, and is a practicing dentist with offices at 815 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. He is an American citizen, born at Harpott, Turkey, May 1, 1890, who entered the United States on September 14, 1907, under the name, VAUGHAN KEVORK TASHJIAN. He was granted citizenship November 22, 1927, at Fresno, California. His wife, best known as CLARA STEPHENS, is employed at the Progressive Book Store, Communist-controlled, at 625 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California. Both the TASHJIANs are known Communist members and each has held official positions within the organization in the Los Angeles area. He is known to have been the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party Control Commission from 1938 until 1940, and may still hold this position. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] was given when NELSON visited Los Angeles May 12, 1943, and was observed in the company of TASHJIAN; that the latter also saw NELSON off when he boarded the train for his return trip to San Francisco, California. Again, on May 28, 1943, when NELSON visited Los Angeles, TASHJIAN was the one to meet him at the train, and thereafter brought NELSON by automobile to the home of CARL WINTER, Communist official mentioned elsewhere in this report. Between June 17 - 25, 1943, upon NELSON's return from the National Communist Plenum in New York City, there were three conferences had between NELSON and TASHJIAN.

TASHJIAN is the guiding spirit of the ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE on the West Coast and of the Lraper Publishing Company. He is Treasurer of the SASOUNTEG TRAITOR FUND COMMITTEE which opened an account March 11, 1943. In May, 1943, TASHJIAN withdrew \$10,000 from the account for the purchase of a draft payable to the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. It was indicated that this was a fund contributed by the Armenians of TASHJIAN's group and turned over to the Soviet Army.

AZAD HOCHI KHANZADIAN, alias
Azadochi Khanzadian, Azad Kazie,
Agnes Kazie, Azad Ardachez Yakonbian,
Kay Jacobs

KHANZADIAN is a citizen of the United States living at
4361 Sunset Drive, Los Angeles, California. She was born in Turkey,

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August 9, 1895, and entered the United States November 28, 1912, from Havre, France. She married ROUPEN KHANZADIAN, photographer, at Detroit, Michigan, on June 5, 1930. He is an Armenian, having entered the United States October 23, 1910. She was naturalized December 8, 1939, at Los Angeles, California. She has two sons, [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] is now in the United States Army.

It is reported that Mrs. KHANZADIAN is a member of the Communist Party, having had a Membership Book since 1936. She is a member of the ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE, Los Angeles Women's Branch.

Mrs. KHANZADIAN is of interest in this case because of her close contacts with Dr. VAUGHAN ASHKEN K. TASHJIAN at Los Angeles, California. These contacts were first noted on August 11 and 13, 1943, and were regarding Armenians who were moving from Chicago to Los Angeles.

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[REDACTED] arrived in the United States at New York City on March 9, 1939, holding a temporary visitor's permit for the purpose of representing the Women's National Council of Prague, Czechoslovakia. She had previously been in the United States in 1937, however, attending a Summer Session of a labor school at Bryn Mawr College in New York. In 1939, she came to the San Francisco Golden Gate Exposition where she operated the Czechoslovakian gift shop. She has been reported as being a Leftist and a pro-Soviet but not necessarily a Communist Party member, in that her interest in Communism appeared to be of an intellectual variety. Since coming to San Francisco, she has been friendly with [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] with whom she collaborated in promoting several so-called Slavic festivals of a pro-Soviet nature. So far as is known by this office, she is an alien on a student's visa in the United States since 1940.

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[REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED], a housewife residing (X) u

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at [REDACTED] is an American citizen born [REDACTED] b7c
in North Dakota and the wife of [REDACTED] an employee
of the [REDACTED] as a chemist
in charge of the [REDACTED] in which capacity
he supervises the work of [REDACTED].

Both [REDACTED] and her husband have been active in b7c
Czechoslovakian activities in the San Francisco area, and among her
most frequent associates in Czechoslovakian affairs is VLASTA PETRANKOVA,
previously mentioned above. [REDACTED] b1

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ALEXANDER DIMITER RIZOFF, alias
Alexander Rizov. b7c

RIZOFF at the present time resides in New York City, in care of
his sister, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]

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He is employed by the UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS at 1010 Park Avenue, New York City. He was a former resident of San Francisco and for a considerable time was employed as an editor and translator for the Yugoslav-American Herald in San Francisco. Subsequently, he accepted a job at the University of California, Berkeley, California, as an instructor in Serbian-Croatian languages.

RIZOFF is a citizen of Bulgaria. He was, however, born in Vienna, Austria, on April 11, 1908. He entered the United States at New York aboard the SS LACONIA on September 21, 1937. He was employed for four years prior to coming to this country at the National Bank of Bulgaria in Sofia. He entered the United States on a Student's Visa and overstayed. His immigration status is at the present time under advisement by the Immigration Department.

RIZOFF was not known as a Communist while he was in San Francisco, although he is reported to be a Communist sympathizer.

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FRENCH ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

DR. BORIS ELIACHEFF

ELIACHEFF is presently residing in Sydney, Australia, where he was recently accredited by the French Provisional Government as French Trade Commissioner for the South Pacific and Consul-General in Sydney and Melbourne. He was born February 15, 1892, in Moscow, Russia, and after completing a lawyer's course in Moscow University, departed for England in March of 1914 to continue his studies. In 1914 he voluntarily joined the French Army and subsequently accepted French citizenship. In 1940, while serving in Colombia as a trade representative of France, ELIACHEFF resigned and organized a Free French Committee in Colombia. He was later appointed the De GAULLE representative in San Francisco, California, and entered the United States from Canada on

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May 13, 1941. He served as the delegate for the Fighting French in San Francisco until January, 1944, when he was recalled to Algiers by De GAULLE and was appointed to his present post. In September of 1944, he returned to the United States enroute to Australia. His divorced wife, Dr. ELIZAVETA ERANUILOVNA ELIACHEFF, is an officer in the Medical Branch of the French Navy, and his one daughter, [REDACTED] *bx* recently graduated from the University of California.

Although there is no indication that ELIACHEFF is a member of the Communist Party, his sympathies are strongly pro-Soviet. Illustrative of his feelings is an "Autobiography Report" written by ELIACHEFF in Russian on the letterhead of the Free French Delegation to the United States, September 11, 1942. After furnishing personal background, he states, "I bow before the greatness and heroism of the Russian people and the Red Army and ask that the past be forgotten and that the honor be granted me by accepting me as a citizen of the USSR. I pledge to serve my people with faith and truth, and to obey the established laws, authority, and order without reservation." He is acquainted with various prominent Communists in San Francisco and is held in high regard by the San Francisco Party.

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On December 20, 1943, the Fighting French Delegation arranged a farewell dinner in honor of ELIACHEFF and among those invited was HARRISON GEORGE, editor of the Communist People's World newspaper of San Francisco. ELIACHEFF closed his speech in French with a tribute to Russia, stating that he had not abandoned hope of receiving a consular appointment to that country, for which "I hold the greatest admiration."

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On October 21, 1944, a luncheon was held at Jack's Restaurant in San Francisco under the sponsorship of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, during which Dr. ELIACHEFF delivered a talk (c) u

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on Algiers. Invitations to this affair were extended to the following individuals, many of whom have been prominent in the instant investigation: LARRY BANNING, DON STEVENS, SIDNEY ROGER, JOHN PITTMAN, DR. GUY TALBOTT, HAROLD J. BOYD, RICHARD LYNDEN, WARWICK TOMPKINS, LOUISE BRANSTEN, MARION OWENS, DR. THOMAS ADDIS, FREDERICK THOMPSON, MRS. ESTELL BRISKER, HELEN PELL, EVELYN TURNER, IRENE NEZELLY, ADRIENNE LEATHE, and LEO BARCWAY. Although the name of Dr. MAX YERGAN did not appear on the invitation list, YERGAN was observed in attendance at this luncheon in the company of LOUISE BRANSTEN. (S)(u)

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NEW YORK AREA:

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LOUIS DCLIVET, who has the aliases of LOUIS BRECHER and "ULIANU," is a Rumanian Jew who is alleged to have been active in labor movements in almost every country of Europe between 1934 and 1939. He was a member of the French Federation of Labor for ten years, and has been described as a notorious Communist in France. During his sojourn in France he escaped denaturalization as a French citizen in 1939 through the political influence of his friend and associate PIERRE OCT, who is a prominent figure in French pro-Soviet activities at this time. At the outbreak of the present war, DCLIVET served in the French Army Aviation Corps until the armistice in June, 1940, after which he spent several months in the French underground until he made his escape from France to the United States in the fall of 1940.

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Since coming to the United States he has continued contact with Communist and pro-Soviet French emigres in this country, and has been particularly active in publishing and motion picture activities. He is at present the editor of a magazine entitled 'Free World', and in May, 1943, he collaborated with his friend, PIERRE COT, likewise of the United States, on a French magazine entitled 'France - America'. In 1943, he was instrumental in organizing a French motion picture group and the Hollywood Free World Association. In addition to articles for the 'Free World', he has contributed articles to the 'Nation', 'New Republic', the 'Antioch Review', and the 'Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science'. He has served as Secretary-General of the 'Free World Association' and also of the 'World Confederation of International Societies'. He is the author of a work to be published soon, dealing with world political problems and entitled 'Strategy for a Free World'.

DOLIVET visited Northern California between September 29 and October 13, 1944, when, under the auspices of France Forever, he lectured on "France Today" in San Francisco.

Madame GENEVIEVE TABOUIS

Madame GENEVIEVE TABOUIS is the publisher of the French language newspaper "Pour la Victoire" of 535 - 5th Avenue, New York City. She also associates with OTTO KATZ, LOUIS DOLIVET, PIERRE COT, and others of interest in this case. It is of interest to note that when KATZ was arrested in France in 1939, his release was arranged through Madame TABOUIS, along with others.

PHILADELPHIA AREA:

Professor HAAKON M. CHEVALIER

Chevalier
Professor HAAKON M. CHEVALIER of the French Department of the University of California at Berkeley, who is a principal in this case, has been noted in close contact in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in May, 1944, with LUCIEN MIDOL. During this period, CHEVALIER was in Philadelphia in the capacity of a translator at the International Labor Organization conference. This meeting between CHEVALIER and MIDOL may be of significance in that MIDOL, prior to his arrival in the United States, was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France and served as General Secretary of the French Railway Men's Union. He was in Philadelphia

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at the time as a French delegate to the above conference. [Surveillances of CHEVALIER during this time indicated that his contacts with MIDOL were not at all on a casual basis, that considerable friendliness was shown between the two, together with fairly extensive mutual social engagements.] (S) u

LOS ANGELES AREA:

CHARLES BOYER

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BOYER is not a member of the Communist Party and has evidenced very little interest in political matters. He has, however, associated with leaders of the Free World Association, which is dominated by pro-Communist elements. BOYER has been quite active in an organization known as the FRENCH FOUNDATION, located at 411 North La Cienega, Los Angeles, California. The purposes of this foundation are to preserve French traditions and to disseminate French culture to the people of the United States. [REDACTED] b1

ANDRE DAVID

ANDRE DAVID resides at 239 South Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills, California, and is employed as librarian at the French Research Foundation, 411 North La Cienega, Los Angeles, California, which was founded by CHARLES BOYER. He was born in France, of Hebrew race. He entered the United States at New York City on May 20, 1941, as a temporary visitor. He departed for Tijuana, Mexico, March 20, 1942, and re-entered the same date at the San Ysidro Immigration Office as a quota immigrant. There is no information presently at hand concerning any applications for United States citizenship.

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DAVID devotes his time largely to the French Research Foundation. Occasionally he writes for the film studios. Before leaving France, DAVID was reported to have written several books on religion, into which he tried to inject a "leftist" note. DAVID was said to be pro-Russian and pro-Communist.

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DAVID is an intimate of CHARLES BOYER and other leaders of the French Research Foundation and the Fighting French organization. DAVID has been in correspondence with VLADIMIR POESNER and collaborated with HEINRICH MANN in a manuscript entitled, "The Sword and Courage—Salute to the People of Soviet Russia." It is said that a book is to be prepared from this manuscript, which is anti-fascist, anti-capitalistic, and pro-Russian. (4)(u)

HUNGARIAN GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES

HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

National offices of the Hungarian-American Council for Democracy are at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This organization was formed in the Spring of 1944. It publishes a weekly summary of events concerning Hungary and Hungarians. This is called the Hungarian Information Bulletin and its stated purpose is the supplying, to English and foreign newspapers in this country, of information regarding Hungarians. The aims of the organization have been stated as follows:

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"We stand for speedy United Nations' victory and lasting peace. We stand for the liberation of the people of Hungary and all oppressed people of the world as agreed at Teheran by ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, and STALIN. We stand for a democratic Hungary in a democratic world. We stand for Hungary built on a 'good neighbor' policy with her neighboring states. We want to mobilize every American of Hungarian origin for all-out support of the war and its objectives."

The purposes of the organization were further explained by its members and were publicized in its own news organ and others and is set forth as: "To support Count MICHAEL (MIHALY) KAROLYI of London as the leader of a post-war democratic Hungary; to form a political pressure group within the United States composed of progressive people of Hungarian descent in order to gain the support of the United States Government for the program of Count MICHAEL KAROLYI of London; to establish a People's Movement and a People's Government in post-war Hungary, and an immediate establishment of an underground in Hungary composed of anti-Fascist elements; to support the Hungarians now fighting with the Partisans of General Tito in Yugoslavia, and to support the activities of General Tito in the liberation of the Balkans; to help the liberating Red Army by all means in the power of the organization."

The activities of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER in the United States have often been mentioned in the Hungarian Information Bulletin where these concern anti-Fascist activity among people of Hungarian descent.

There are organizations similar to the Hungarian-American Council for Democracy among people of Hungarian descent in Canada, Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, and in England. The latter organization is called the London-Hungarian Council and it is under leadership of Count KAROLYI. It has been proposed that there be established a Central European Committee which would also support Count KAROLYI's program, toward the setting-up of a post-war Hungary government under his leadership. The London-Hungarian Council has no official recognition in the British Isles other than that the British Ministry of Information is using it as a background for propaganda broadcasts to Hungary and for sending leaflets for dissemination there.

Count KAROLYI is honorary president of the organization and LUDWIG WIGGSI is its active President. LATHEN TOROK is the National

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Secretary. LUGOSI is a Hungarian-born motion picture actor who is reported to have fled from Hungary after the liberation of the BELA KUN government subsequent to World War I. It is alleged that LUGOSI was a Commissar in the Government of BELA KUN and that he is presently inclined toward Communism.

Count KAROLYI, a former President of the Hungarian People's Republic, is said to have resided in England for approximately the last twenty-five years. He formed the People's Republic after the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the close of the last World War. The People's Republic lasted for approximately two months. It is said that Count KAROLYI then turned the government over to the "Bolsheviki Regime" of BELA KUN which later fell as a result of the armed action of Admiral HORTHY and his followers who set up the regency in Hungary which has lasted until the present time. It is reported that Count KAROLYI is a moderate Socialist and will attempt to establish that type of government in Hungary if he attains power.

The San Francisco officers of the organization are as follows:

President - - - - - M. SIBAK
Vice-Presidents - - DR. S. MEY
 Mrs. E. HORVATH
 JOHN SIPOS
Secretary - - - - - EMIL LICHTMAN
Recording Sec'y. - - DR. G. GARA
Treasurer - - - - - M. STEARN.

No definite indication of Communist domination exists within the San Francisco group.

NEGRO GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS is located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The exact date of the founding of this organization is unknown, but it is believed to have been formed in the Spring of 1937. Its purpose as pointed out in a leaflet in May, 1942, is to "make widely known the immediate importance of Africa in the world-wide struggle to defeat Fascism and to work for the improvement of African

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living conditions." This organization has, since its inception, been dominated and controlled by Communist Party members.

MAX YERGAN was the original Managing Director of it and is presently the Executive Director, with PAUL ROBESON acting as Chairman of the Council. The organization has always followed the Communist Party Line. For example, in September, 1942, the Council sponsored a rally in New York City at which resolutions were passed calling for a "Second Front." A similar meeting was held on April 8, 1942, at which time ROBESON, YERGAN, and JOSEPH CURRAN, President of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, all urged the opening of a Second Front. At this meeting, ROBESON paid high praise to the Soviet Union on the progress it had made in the past nineteen years. YERGAN, in December, 1943, while addressing a meeting of the CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP conference, stated: "It is necessary that the people accomplish democratic associations of free peoples, such as that accomplished by the Soviet Union."] (S)(u)

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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

The national office of the National Negro Congress is located at 307 Lennox Avenue, New York City. This organization is an outgrowth of a Communist-dominated organization called the League for Struggle for Negro Rights. The NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS was formed in Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1936.

The avowed purpose of the organization is to seek to accomplish unity of action between the various Negro organizations already in existence. Since its inception, the organization has been under Communist domination with such individuals as JAMES M. FORD, ROBERT MINOR, EARL BROWDER, and MAX YERGAN acting as officers. MAX YERGAN was elected President of the organization in 1940, and was still so carried in 1944.

The organization closely adheres to the Communist Party Line. It has also expressed itself as being sympathetic to the USSR. A member of the National Executive Board, at a meeting of the Congress,

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was outspoken in favor of a second front and a declaration of war on Finland. Literature printed by the Negro Congress was distributed through the Communist Political Association in San Francisco during the last presidential campaign.

NEW YORK AREA:

DR. MAX YERGAN

Dr. MAX YERGAN, a Negro, resides at 22 Hamilton Terrace, and has an office at 23 West 26th Street, both New York City. He was born July 19, 1894, at Raleigh, North Carolina. He is presently seeking a Reno divorce from SUSIE WISEMAN YERGAN. YERGAN is Executive Director of the COUNCIL on AFRICAN AFFAIRS, President of the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, and Treasurer of "The Voice," Negro newspaper in New York City. He claims to be an ordained minister of the Congregational Church. He has four children, one of whom is an Air Cadet in the U. S. Army Air Forces.

YERGAN is a known Communist and his main activity is to assist the African Negro to break away from the "political domination" of Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, and Portugal. He adheres to the doctrine that the "European Imperialists" have done nothing to better the conditions of the colonial peoples.

Dr. YERGAN, on December 26, 1943, was observed in the company of LOUISE BRANSTEN, visiting in the home of EARL BROWDER, #7 Highland Place, Yonkers, New York. [REDACTED] b1

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During November of 1942, YERGAN sent [REDACTED] b7c of New York City to the West Coast where she was to organize a Committee to mobilize "moral support" for the colonial people in Africa. In 1940, he was allegedly sent to Africa and India to do some work for the Communist Party. On these trips he travelled ostensibly for the YMCA.

YERGAN resides at the home of LOUISE BRANSTEN when he visits San Francisco. [REDACTED] b1 (C)

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

ROBESON, an internationally famous Negro actor, was last known to reside at 138 East 38th Street, New York City. He was born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, is married to ESLANDA CORDOZA GOODE, and has one son, educated in Russia. ROBESON received an A.B. degree from Rutgers University and an LL.B. from Columbia. He is an extremely active liberal, having associated himself with numerous "front" organizations and contributed his artistic talents freely to a great number of them. He is well-known to National Communist functionaries and is a constant follower of the Communist pro-Soviet Party Line. However, he has not been definitely identified as a Communist member.

ROBESON is of interest herein principally because of his propaganda activities and his association with principals and suspects in this case.

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ROBESON is Chairman of the COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, of which MAX YERGAN is the Managing Director. ROBESON is also a national sponsor of the JAFRC and a member of the National Committee of the INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE.

While staying in the BRANSTEN home in San Francisco, ROBESON has been associated with HARRY BRIDGES, HERBERT RESNER, JOHN PITTMAN, and FREDERICK THOMPSON. Also, LOUISE BRANSTEN is known to have visited ROBESON's home in New York accompanied by [REDACTED] a suspect mentioned elsewhere herein. ROBESON and BRANSTEN are very close personal friends [REDACTED] at one time. [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES AREA:

REVELS HIRSH CAYTON

REVELS CAYTON, a Negro, resides at 2236 Ewing Street, Los Angeles, California. He was born June 5, 1907, at Seattle, Washington, and was married to ETHEL HOROWITZ, a white woman, on September 3, 1939. CAYTON is California State Vice-President of the CIO. He was prominent in San Francisco as an organizer of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and on the CIO Maritime Committee.

CAYTON became a member of the Communist Party in 1935 and since that time has been a leader among the Negro element in the Party. He was a member of various committees in the Los Angeles County Communist Party Convention on October 30 and 31, 1943, and in those capacities addressed the Convention. He has recruited members into the Communist

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Party and regularly attended Communist Party meetings himself. CAYTON has been active in various Communist Party Front groups, and is the head of the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the CIO.

REVELS CAYTON has always made his residence at the home of LOUISE BRANSTEN whenever he was visiting in San Francisco. [REDACTED] b1

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It appears that CAYTON's activities with reference to the Comintern Apparatus, if any, are confined to political pressure groups inasmuch as he is a prominent Negro leader in the labor field.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER

The national office of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER is located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It is a Communist Front organization of long standing, operating ostensibly as a fraternal and insurance group and as such, serves a very useful purpose in the Communist picture nationally. Its officers are:

ROCKWELL KENT (President)	JOHN E. MIDDLETON
LOUISE THOMPSON	RUBIN SALTZMAN
BOLESLAW GEBERT	ERNEST De MAIO
MAX BEDACHT	PETER SHIPKA
JOSEPH BRODSKY	ANTHONY GERLACH
IRVING LISNER	MICHAEL TRACH
HARRY LUBESHNOFF	WILLIAM GOLDEN

Several important leaders of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER have been directly linked with this case, and their activities in this connection, together with background identifying data concerning them, is set forth below:

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NEW YORK AREA:

MAX BEDACHT, alias
Max Bedock, Max Becht,
John Marshall, Charles Marshall,
John Braun, John M. Braun,
H. M. Sabath

BEDACHT resides at 2442 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as general Secretary for the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ORDER, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He is an American citizen, born in Munich, Germany, October 13, 1883, of Jewish parents. He entered the United States in 1908, and was granted citizenship on April 25, 1915, at San Francisco, California. He is married and has four children, two of them married. While formerly a barber by trade, he has been a functionary in various radical groups in recent years.

BEDACHT has been an admitted Communist since the Party was founded. He was indicted, along with RUTHENBERG, LOVESTONE, BROWDER, and other early Communists, for participation in the Lake, Berrien County, Michigan affair in 1922. For many years he has been a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Party.

On January 17, 1944, MAX BEDACHT met with STEVE NELSON. One of the matters discussed was the desirability of getting a full-time organizer for the I.O. in the San Francisco-East Bay area. Also about this time he appeared at Communist Headquarters in San Francisco and also spoke to a large gathering at the California Labor School.

BEDACHT was in Mexico City in August, 1943, and met ANDREAS and OLGA EWERT, brother and sister-in-law of ARTHUR EWERT, Comintern agent now in prison in Brazil for political activity. In addition, BEDACHT is known to have attended a meeting of the Free Germany group in Mexico City at the time of this visit. He has edited labor and political newspapers in Detroit, San Francisco, and New York. His San Francisco paper in World War I was violently anti-war, and in 1920, he was convicted in Chicago on a charge of conspiracy to overthrow the government. BEDACHT belonged to the FOSTER-BROWDER wing of the Party and centered his activities as Secretary-Treasurer of the Daily Worker Publishing Company in the days of the intra-Party feud. On January 4, 1926, BEDACHT was chosen to be sent to Moscow to appear before the Comintern which was at that time deciding what to do about the Communist situation in America. In 1929, BEDACHT was one of the three men comprising the Secretariat of the American Party, the others being FOSTER and LINCOLN. At the second National Convention of the IWO in 1933, (X)u

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BEDACHT was elected general Secretary, which position he has continuously held since that time. (S)(u)

BEDACHT was involved during the investigation of the BURTAN case, which is discussed elsewhere in this report. It is known that BEDACHT went to the assistance of BURTAN's wife financially, although he refused to name sources of his finances. (S)(u)

BEDACHT is also mentioned in a matter involving ALBERT FEIERABEND, a former Soviet Intelligence agent. FEIERABEND was arrested for smuggling in New York City on July 25, 1930. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession a silk credential badge of the kind then utilized by Comintern agents. The badge bore an inscription stating that the bearer was absolutely trustworthy and should be given all possible support so that he might effectively accomplish his mission. The credential was signed "MAX BEDACHT, for the Secretariat." Here again is evidence that the American Communist Party, including its high officials, is engaged in Comintern activities.

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is employed as [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED]. He is an American citizen, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is married to [REDACTED], and they have one child. [REDACTED], in 1943, served on a committee for co-ordinating activities of all IWO women's clubs in New York.

His connections with the Communist Party are not known, but he came of interest herein in August, 1944, when HELEN BRYAN, Executive Secretary of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE in New York, contacted one "ERIC," in Mexico City, relative to [REDACTED] proposed visit to Mexico. The man contacted is believed to be ERIC JUNGHEAN, secretary of the Free Germany Movement. BRYAN stated that [REDACTED] was scheduled to arrive at the Regis Hotel and suggested that ERIC see him immediately. It is also indicated that BRYAN, in efforts to speak to ERIC, had talked to one PAUL, believed to be PAUL BERKER, telling him to be sure to see [REDACTED] that the latter would supply a list of one hundred persons who should be invited to a premier of ANNA SEGHERS' story, "Seventh Cross."

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FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT

Of the utmost importance as a potential link in the international Russian espionage chain is the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT. Due to the presence of known OGPU agents within this movement, it is apparent that the movement has already furnished information of value to the Soviet. The FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT is a vast network spreading throughout the Western Hemisphere in strategic centers and focused in Mexico City, where the headquarters is located. The nucleus of the movement is concentrated in Mexico, long known as the paradise of European Communists and second only to Moscow in international Communism. And likewise located in Mexico City is Soviet Ambassador CONSTANTINE A. OUMANSKY, an astute and clever diplomat, who is described as a member of the Political Bureau of the Russian Government. Not only is FREE GERMANY believed to be a Communist movement sponsored by OUMANSKY, but furthermore, he is considered to be the brains behind the organization.

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To augment the coverage of the movement and increase its power as an espionage agency, FREE GERMANY utilizes functionaries of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE within the United States. A definite connection between the two organizations has been established; contacts and correspondence between the headquarters of FREE GERMANY in Mexico City and the National Headquarters of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE in New York City are not uncommon. The FREE GERMANY publication "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND" has been the recipient of JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE funds, and intermittent travel from the United States to Mexico City on the part of JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE officers suggests their use as possible couriers. This collaboration extends to various branches of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE throughout the United States. Likewise significant was the convention in Mexico City of the FEDERATION de ORGANISMOS de AYUDA a LOS REPUBLICANOS ESPANOLIS (The Federation of Organizations to Aid Spanish Republicans), the Mexican JOINT

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ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, which took place in August of 1943, shortly after the formal establishment of the LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE GERMANS in May of 1943. This convention was attended by leading emissaries of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE in the United States.

The FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT was sponsored in the latter part of 1941 in Mexico City by several notorious German Communists, including OTTO KATZ, EGON ERWIN KISCH, and LUDWIG REHN. In conjunction with the movement, a publishing firm, EL LIBRO LIBRE, mailing address Apartado 10214, Mexico City, was established. EL LIBRO LIBRE, which styles itself as a "publishing house for anti-Nazi literature", publishes the monthly periodical "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND", the first edition of which appeared in October of 1941 with ANTONIO CASTRO LEAL listed as the publisher. In addition, this firm publishes the bi-weekly bulletin "ALEMANIA LIBRE". EL LIBRO LIBRE has distributed its literature in the United States, particularly "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND".

FREE GERMANY in Mexico, under the direction of PAUL MERKER and LUDWIG REHN, became known as the COMMITTEE OF FREE GERMANS IN MEXICO and spread throughout Latin America. Committees were established in Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Venezuela, Guatemala, Bolivia and the Argentine. To coordinate the activities of these FREE GERMANY COMMITTEES a convention was held at Mexico City in May of 1943 which became known as the FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE FREE GERMAN MOVEMENT IN MEXICO. As a result of this convention the LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE GERMANS was born. HEINRICH MANN and BALDER OLDEN became honorary presidents, and additional honorary officers included KARL LUSTIG VON PREAN, DR. KURT ROSENFELD, ANNA SEGHERS, and PRINCE HUBERTUS ZU LOEWENSTEIN, who later resigned. The actual control of this organization, however, was vested in LUDWIG REHN, chairman of the Committee, and PAUL MERKER, secretary. Frau Dr. H. BEGUN was designated as a secretary.

THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF FREE GERMANS maintains the mailing address, Apartado 10214, Mexico City, which is also the mailing address of EL LIBRO LIBRE. HEINRICH MANN was advised that a convention would be held in Mexico on February 15, 1943, in honor of the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT, and that this convention was being organized by a number of groups, among them the Communist Party of Mexico and the FRIENDS OF THE UNO ASSOCIATION.

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The FREE GERMANY convention in Mexico City had scarcely adjourned when the NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF FREE GERMANY was formally established in Moscow in July, 1943, and on July 13, 1943, its Manifesto to the German people was published. This Manifesto, signed by German exiles and prisoners in the Soviet Union, including some of the leading German Communists, resembles in many respects the proclamations of PAUL MERKER as they appeared in his book "Was Wird aus Deutschland." Several days later PRAVDA, official organ of the Communist Party in Russia, commented favorably on the Manifesto. The Manifesto has been circulated in pamphlet form by the Communist Party of the United States and received favorable publicity in both the PEOPLE'S WORLD and DAILY WORKER. Needless to say, the Moscow Manifesto was warmly greeted by the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT in Mexico.

To illustrate definitely the connection between FREE GERMANY in Mexico and in Moscow, packages arrived on April 14, 1944, from the State Literary Publishing House, Moscow, Russia, addressed to prominent individuals in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT.

The FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT was established in New York City in early 1944 and formally announced May 1, 1944, as the Council for a Democratic Germany. Professor PAUL TILICH was named as President.

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Leading Communists who have lent their efforts toward the establishment of FREE GERMANY in New York City include DR. FELIX SCENHEIM, ALBERT HERMANN SCHREINER, BERTOLD BRECHT, MAX SCHROEDER, ALFRED KANTOROWICZ, and GERMART EISLER. The real impetus to the movement, however, is believed to have been furnished by PAUL HAGEN, JACOB WALCHER, and ALBERT SCHREINER.

BRUNG GOREJLAT, an active Communist in New York City, is the business representative of EL LIBRO LIBRE, and FRIEDRICH KRAUSE, FOREIGN BOOKS, New York City, signed an agreement in February, 1944, whereby he

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became the sole distributor in the United States for books published by EL LIBRO LIBRE.

✓ Although no FREE GERMANY organization has appeared in the Los Angeles area, various individuals residing there have figured prominently in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT. Persons believed to be members of the COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GERMANY include BERTOLD BRECHT, LION FEUCHTWANGER, HEINRICH MANN, LOUIS LOCHNER, and DR. JESSNER.

No FREE GERMANY organization has as yet appeared in the San Francisco area, and little interest has been evinced in the movement by German residents. ALFRED ERNST SCHNEURMANN has acted as the representative of EL LIBRO LIBRE in San Francisco with little success. SCHNEURMANN has received the assistance of MARION OWENS of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE in selling subscriptions of "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND." NORA ROSILLIE FISCHER, a known Communist, has corresponded with RUDOLPH KOHLER and appears interested in its movement.

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CONSTANTINE A. CURIANSKY

CURIANSKY is the present Soviet Ambassador to Mexico. He was formerly Russian Ambassador to the United States but was recalled, reportedly due to pressure from the State Department of the United States.

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In the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" for October 22, 1944, DREW PEARSON wrote that the Russian Ambassador to Mexico, GUMANSKY, is one of the smartest operators in the western hemisphere, and is gleefully needling our Good Neighbor Policy in revenge for the brusque treatment he received in Washington from our State Department when he was the Soviet Ambassador there during the Russian-German alliance. Now he is the cock of the diplomatic walk in Mexico City and is the busiest, most popular envoy in Mexico. Underneath the social aspect he is building up a lost of prestige for Russia and neatly crossing us on a lot of policies. (A)(u)

[LUDWIG RENN, alias
Baron Veidt Von Goltzenau]

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RENN resides in Mexico City where he is actively associated with the anti-Nazi publishing firm, EL LIBRO LIBRE. He was born in Germany in 1880 and is still believed a German citizen. He was a German officer during World War I and was a Steel Helmet Leader in Germany prior to Hitler's rise to power. He was a recognized author of the Weimar Republic and wrote "Der Krieg". RENN is one of the outstanding figures in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT and is the active president of the LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE GERMANS. (A)(u)

RENN was a member of the Communist Party in Germany and, following the burning of the Reichstag in Germany, was reportedly condemned to two and one-half years in jail as a Communist. Upon his release he fled to Switzerland in 1936 and subsequently served as an officer in the Republican International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War. He was admitted into Mexico in 1939 through the efforts of the "Liga Pro-Cultura", a group of Mexican intellectuals with Communist leanings. He was later reported as being head of the CGPU in Mexico and was the organizer of the early "Liga Pro-Cultura Alemania" which merged into the present ALEMANIA LIBRE. It is also reported that he was named a professor of literature and history at the University of Morelia. (A)(u)

In October, 1937, RENN was in Los Angeles to fill speaking engagements under the sponsorship of the NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO AID SPANISH DEMOCRACY. He has taken an active part in the public functions sponsored by Communists in Mexico City. At a celebration of the German Revolution of 1918 and of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, held November 9, 1942, in Mexico City, RENN made a speech prophesying the Russian victory. (A)(u)

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RENN became of interest in this case in 1943 when MINNA AUGUSTA EWERT, whose brother ARTHUR EWERT was reported sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment in Brazil for precipitating a Communist revolution, sent a cablegram to RENN in Mexico City. (S)(u)

OTTO KATZ, alias
Rudolph Breda, Rudolf Breda,
Bradar, Bredf, Andre Simone,
O. K. Simon, Simon Katz, Simone-Katz,
John Willes, Andre Simone,
Dr. Andre Simon, Comrade Adams (S)(u)

KATZ under the name ANDRE SIMONE, resides at 31 Av. Del Rec de la Piedad, Mexico, D.F., and his business address is Apartado 10214, Mexico, D.F. Another address listed for him in Mexico is Chamilpa 9 bis, Cuernavaca, Morelos. KATZ was born on May 27, 1893 or 1897 at Jistebnice, Czechoslovakia, and is of the Hebrew race. He is not a citizen of the United States. While in the Soviet Union between 1931 and 1933 he married ILSE KLAGEMAN, and she is at present with him in Mexico. KATZ is very active in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT in Mexico and is a member of the Advisory Board of EL LIBRO LIBRE, a publishing house in Mexico City which publishes "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND." KATZ contributes to this and other Communist papers such as "Excelsior", and is engaged in the writing of Communist books. He also takes an active part in the FEDERACION de ORGANISMOS de AYUDA a LOS REPUBLICANOS ESPANIOLES (Federation of Organizations to Aid Spanish Republicans). KATZ has been constantly engaged in Communist activity since as early as 1929 and information that he is an agent of the CGPU has come from many sources. His name has been linked with more than one political assassination. (S)(u)

KATZ first became of interest in this investigation when on June 14, 1941, upon entering the United States, GERHART EISLER and his fiancée, BRUNHILDA ROHMSTEIN, advised the State Department that they were going to OTTO KATZ, a friend in Mexico. [REDACTED] b1

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KATZ performed propaganda work in Germany for the Communist Party from 1922 to 1930, where he became closely associated with WILLY MUENZENBERG, who has been called the real founder of the Communist Party in Germany. (S)(u)

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He then was transferred to Moscow, where he remained about two years. In 1933 he was connected with a political murder in Czechoslovakia, and shortly thereafter was associated with DIMITROFF in Berlin at the time of the Reichstag fire. When DIMITROFF was arrested for arson, KATZ escaped to Paris where he once more became associated with LUENZENBERG in propaganda work. (S)(u)

KATZ and his wife arrived in the United States in September, 1935. The purpose of this visit appears to have been to collect money for the Free Germany Movement and the Spanish Loyalist cause. Much of his time was spent in the Hollywood movie colony where he gained a wide acquaintance which was later to stand him in good stead. (S)(u)

Returning to Paris, he devoted most of his time to the cause of the Spanish Loyalists. He was not so preoccupied with this as to prevent his being instrumental in bringing about the deportation of LEON TROTSKY. At this time also, he made the acquaintance of GENEVIEVE TABOUI, MARTHA DODD, HEINRICH and THOMAS MANN. (S)(u)

In 1939, KATZ re-visited the United States for a short period and is reported to have collected a considerable sum for the anti-Hitler underground movement in Germany. (S)(u)

After his return to France in 1939, the French officials believed KATZ to be an OGPU agent and were attempting to effect his apprehension. At this time LUENZENBERG met a violent death in the southern part of France and more than one source pointed the finger of suspicion at KATZ. This suspicion was based upon the assumption that it became KATZ' duty to take disciplinary action against LUENZENBERG when he refused to return to Moscow and broke away from Stalin. KATZ was arrested and charged with possession of a false passport. Through the influence of GENEVIEVE TABOUI, a French newspaper woman presently in the United States, and a British Laborite, Mrs. WILKINSON, he was released from prison and ordered to leave France. (S)(u)

He re-entered the United States at New York City on January 20, 1940. He left the United States at Laredo, Texas, for Mexico on November 27, 1940. At this time he was at liberty on \$1000.00 bond, having been ordered deported for having overstayed his temporary permit. (S)(u)

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As far as is known, KATZ has remained in Mexico to this date, except for a short visit to Havana, Cuba, in July, 1943, to attend the Congress of Latin-American Syndicates. He is alleged to have attended a meeting of the Political Committee of the Communist Party-U.S.A. in New York City in July, 1943, but there has been no confirmation of this visit. He is known to have twice applied for a visa in the early summer of 1943 but was refused. (S)(u)

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KATZ has often been described as an agent of the OGPU. As far back as 1929 it was alleged that he was an agent of the Soviet Union whose duty it was to watch the activities of HUENZENBERG. It has been stated that in Moscow he was not only a member of the OGPU but belonged to a select group within that organization whose duty it was to arrange political murders. According to an article in the "NEW LEADER" dated March 15, 1942, KATZ is described as an OGPU agent, a German Communist, and a courier during the Spanish Civil War. Mrs. WALTER G. KRIVITSKY, whose husband was formerly Chief of the Soviet Military Intelligence for Western Europe and who was found dead in his hotel room in Washington, D.C. in 1941, named KATZ as a possible agent of the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] b1
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KATZ is a prolific and expert propagandist, and must be regarded as a very dangerous individual. (S)(u)

[PAUL MERKER, alias
Paul Merka] (S)(u)

MERKER receives his mail at Tamanlipas 129-6, Mexico, D.F., and 124 Calle Cuernavaca Dep. 404, Mexico, D.F. He is fifty years old and a (S)(u)

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citizen of Germany, where he formerly served as a Communist member of the German Reichstag and the Prussian Legislative Assembly. MERKER was able to escape from Camp Milles, a French concentration camp, and to flee to Mexico in 1942. Since that date, he has been active in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT and is Secretary General of the LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE GERMANS. He is closely associated with OTTO KATZ and LUDWIG REHN. (a)(u)

MERKER became of interest to this investigation due to his correspondence with HEINRICH MANN. PAUL MERKER is the author of "Was Wird aus Deutschland" ("What Will Become of Germany?"), which has been described as the Communist blueprint for post-war Germany. It is believed that this book served as the basis for the Moscow Manifesto of July, 1943. The book was circulated in pamphlet form by the Communist Party, U.S.A. (a)(u)

Since June of 1942 HEINRICH MANN has been regularly corresponding with MERKER. Immediately after the organization of the LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE GERMANS, MERKER invited MANN to become honorary president of the organization, and MANN accepted. MERKER regularly reports to him on the activities of the committee and has furnished him with propaganda material. He requested MANN to address the convention of the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT in Mexico in May, 1943. (a)(u)

MERKER is also known to have made changes in HEINRICH MANN's book, "Lidice", prior to its publication by EL LIBRO LIBRE, Apartado 10214, Mexico, D.F., also the address of the FREE GERMANY COMMITTEE. This printing concern also publishes "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND", official organ of the Committee, to which MANN has contributed articles at MERKER's request. MERKER has been reported as attempting to have "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND" distributed in prisoner of war camps in the United States. (a)(u)

MERKER is also a correspondent of LION FEUCHTANGER, [REDACTED] b7c, DR. KURT ROSENFELD and [REDACTED]. LUIBARD TOLEDANA, leading Mexican Communist labor leader, was the principal speaker at a birthday celebration given in honor of MERKER in 1944. (a)(u)

On August 17, 1944, HELEN BRYAN, Executive Secretary of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, attempted to contact MERKER, but talked with ERIC (probably JUNGELMAN) instead. She requested that MERKER immediately contact [REDACTED] to obtain a list of persons who should be urged to attend the New York premiere of "The Seventh Cross." MERKER was to prepare and post letters to these people signed by ANNA SEGHERS, the author of the book. (a)(u) b7c

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On the 25th Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, November 9, 1942, at Mexico City, MERKER made a speech highly praising the Soviet Revolution. At this time he defended STALIN for making a pact with Hitler. (S)(u)

[EGON ERWIN KISCH, alias
Egon Erwin Kisch] (S)(u)

KISCH resides at 152 Avenida Tamaulipas, Dept. 6, Mexico, D.F., and is actively associated with the anti-Nazi publishing firm, EL LIBRO LIMPE, in Mexico City. He was born at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and is 57 years of age. He is a citizen of Czechoslovakia and entered the United States at New York City December 23, 1939, and departed for Mexico November 24, 1940, at Laredo, Texas. (S)(u)

KISCH has been a Communist for many years and is believed to be an OGPU agent. He was in Russia between 1931 and 1933 and reportedly carried out certain missions for the Soviet Government, including one in China. He was linked with the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia and actively participated in the unsuccessful Communist revolution in Austria at the close of the World War. (S)(u)

KISCH became of interest in this case when [REDACTED] b7c
a Communist seaman, in an undated letter to [REDACTED]
Vera Cruz 56, Mexico City, D.F., mentioned that he had sent KISCH a
six months subscription to the PEOPLE'S WORLD. [REDACTED] suggested she
borrow a few copies from KISCH to read. (S)(u)

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KISCH is known to have been in correspondence with several of the FREE GERMANY group in the Los Angeles area, including LION FEUCHTWANGER and HEINRICH MAIN. KISCH has been one of the instigators of the FREE GERMANY movement in Mexico and has closely associated with OTTO KATZ, LUDWIG REIN, WALTER JANKA, PAUL MERKER, and BODO UHSE. (S)(u)

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[WALTER JANKA, alias
Walter Janke]

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JANKA resides in Mexico City and is employed as the secretary of the anti-Nazi publishing firm, EL LIBRO LIBRE. He is also active in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT which maintains the same address as EL LIBRO LIBRE. It is believed that JANKA is a German citizen. (S)(u)

JANKA associates with prominent Communists in Mexico City and is described as a one-time left-wing functionary in Chemnitz, Germany and a former member of the Spanish Loyalist army. (S)(u)

JANKA became of interest in this case when it became known that he corresponded in 1943 with HEINRICH HAHN and BERT BRECHT in the Los Angeles area. He has also corresponded with LEON FEUCHTWANGER of Los Angeles. [REDACTED] b1 (c)

[RUDOLF FEISTMANN, alias
R. Feinstman Herzhaechter]

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FEISTMANN resides at R. F. Calle del Bajio 214, Apartment 16, Mexico, D.F., and is believed employed as Political Secretary to ANDRE SIMONE, a known member of the CGPU whose real name is OTTO KATZ. It is indicated that he was born under the name of R. FEISTMANN MERZBACHER on January 28, 1908, at Furth, Germany. He married DOROTHY LOEB, notorious Communist in New York City, in Paris, France, on March 13, 1939. It is reported that FEISTMANN arrived in Mexico as a political exile in 1941. (S)(u)

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FEISTMANN is of interest to this investigation because of the possible connection between GERHART EISLER, OTTO KATZ, RUDOLF FEISTMANN and DOROTHY LOEB. Upon his entrance into the United States EISLER used the name of DOROTHY LOEB FEISTMANN as a reference, and also indicated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he was going to OTTO KATZ, Mexico City. EISLER is reported to be the man behind the scenes in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT in the United States, and is known to frequent the offices of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE in New York City. Since FEISTMANN is reportedly Secretary to OTTO KATZ, and since he was also (S)(u)

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active in the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, there may be a connection between all of these individuals lending particular significance to STEVE NELSON's visit to DOROTHY LOEB's apartment. (S)(u)

[ALEXANDER ABUSCH, alias (S)(u)
W. A. Reinhardt]

ABUSCH, residing at Dr. Ric de la loza #86, Mexico, D.F., came to attention in this investigation on April 8, 1944, when DAVID SHUB, editor of the "Jewish Daily Forward," New York City, named him as being active in the Communist dominated Free German Committee in Mexico City. He is active in El Libro Libre in Mexico City, where he is referred to as the editor-in-chief of the magazine "Freies Deutschland". He is believed to be a member of the Central Executive Committee of the German Communist Party in Mexico. ABUSCH has had correspondence with LION FLUCHTMANGER, also interested in the Free Germany movement. (S)(u)

On August 17, 1944, HELEN BRYAN, National Executive Secretary of the JAFRC, United States, attempted to contact PAUL MERKER, and in his absence talked to ERIC (JUNCIANN). She stated that [REDACTED] was scheduled b7c to arrive at the Regis Hotel, Mexico City, on August 18 or 19 and suggested that ERIC see him immediately. This conversation occurred in the offices of Alemania Libre, Dr. Ric de la Loza #86, Mexico, D.F., and is registered in the name of [REDACTED] (S)(u) b7c

[MARGARET SHEDD KISICH] (S)(u) b7c

The only address known for this individual is in care of the United States Embassy, Mexico City. Her husband is Dr. OLIVER KISICH, who is employed by the Foreign Economic Administration and assigned to the United States Embassy, Mexico City. (S)(u) b7c To Staff 12-11-44 (UNRE)

It is indicated that Mrs. KISICH is interested in the Free Germany movement in Mexico, and many of her associates are known to be interested in this movement. (S)(u)

It was learned that HELEN SELDES contacted her in Mexico City in June, 1944. Information has also been received that GEORGE ELTENTON, 986 Cragmont, Berkeley, California, received a letter in 1943 bearing the return address of "KISICH", Camelia #72, Villa Gregan Mexico, D. F. (S)(u)

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GERHART EISLER, alias
Hans Berger, "Edwards"

EISLER resides at 48-46 - 47th Street, Woodside, Long Island, and is a free-lance writer. He was born on February 20, 1897, in Germany. He last entered the United States at New York City on July 13, 1941. He is married to BRUNHILDA ROTHSTEIN EISLER.

EISLER became a member of the Communist Party at Vienna, Austria, in the early 1920's. He has definitely been identified as an agent of the Comintern who entered the United States in the middle 1930's using the assumed name of "EDWARDS". From EISLER's activities in the New York area, it is evident that he is interested in the FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT and is also associated with the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE. Although EISLER has not definitely been established as a member of the Communist Political Association in the United States, he is in frequent contact with Party functionaries in the New York area.

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On May 17, 1944, STEVE NELSON and WILLIAM LAWRENCE visited the address of one DOROTHY LOEB in New York City. LOEB is a feature writer for the DAILY WORKER, [] and upon his immigration to the United States EISLER listed DOROTHY LOEB as one of his references.] (S) (u)

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It is known that EISLER has been employed as a Comintern agent in China and that during the Spanish Civil War EISLER was in Spain. He is the brother of one HANS EISLER, [REDACTED] b1 (c) EISLER has written several articles for the DAILY WORKER and the SUNDAY WORKER under the name of HANS BERGER. When EISLER entered the United States on a transit visa to Mexico, he stated that he was enroute to meet one OTTO KATZ, a known CGPU agent in Mexico City. (S)(u)

It will be noted that one IRVING SCHWAB acted as attorney for EISLER in July, 1943. This same individual, residing at 551 - 5th Avenue, New York City, was STEVE NELSON's attorney during the period from 1930 to 1938.

DR. ALFRED KANTOROWICZ, alias
Von Alfred Kantorowicz, Alfred Kantor

KANTOROWICZ resided at 72 West 102nd Street, New York City, New York, in 1943. He is registered as an alien enemy in New York, having been born in Berlin, Germany, August 12, 1899. He emigrated to the United States in June, 1941. His wife's name is FRIEDA, whom he married in France in 1940. KANTOROWICZ is a writer and research worker who has been writing for the magazine "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND" in Mexico City.

He attended the Universities of Berlin, Freiburg, and Munich, and served as editor and correspondent of several publications in Germany while living in Berlin and Paris from 1927 to 1933. He lived in exile in Paris from 1933 to 1936. While in exile he founded and served as Permanent Secretary of the League of German Writers in Exile and the Library of Burned Books. From 1936 to 1938 he was a correspondent and officer of the Republican Army in Spain. From 1939 to 1941 KANTOROWICZ resided in Southern France and spent a part of this period in a French internment camp. He came to the United States in June of 1941, and it is reported that he violated the provisions of the Smith Act in obtaining a visa to the United States.

Since coming to the United States KANTOROWICZ has written articles concerning the Spanish Civil War which reportedly reflect that he is a Communist and that he served in Spain as a Comintern political functionary. [He is reported to be chief liaison between German Communists in Mexico and the German Communists in the United States.] (S)(u)

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[REDACTED] It is also known that KANTOROWICZ is acquainted with HAAKON CHEVALIER, both of whom spent an evening together in New York City during the month of December, 1943. Also, in 1943 GERHARDT EISLER, suspected OGPU and Comintern agent, received a letter bearing the return address of KANTOROWICZ. (S)(u)

ALFRED K. STERN

STERN presently resides with his wife, the former MARTHA DODD, at 115 Central Park South, New York City. STERN, an American citizen, was born at Fargo, North Dakota, in 1897 and is reported to be a man of substantial means. He was formerly married to MARION ROSEWALD, and for several years served as a trustee for the Rosenwald Foundation. At present he is vice president of the BORIS MORROS Music Company and also acts as New York representative for BORIS MORROS Productions Inc. He maintains business offices in the RCA Building, New York City. STERN is not known as a Communist, but he is known to be a prominent sponsor and member of numerous Communist front organizations, and is an associate of several suspects in this case, including BORIS MORROS, Dr. ALBERT PARRY, and OTTO KATZ.

STERN is known to be in correspondence with JUAN SCHROETER-BEGUN, alias HANS SCHROETER-BEGUN, in Mexico, and he was endeavoring to arrange a visa permitting the entry of KATZ into the United States. SCHROETER-BEGUN is at the head of the Amco Company in Mexico which is engaged in the importing of miscellaneous medical supplies into that country. SCHROETER-BEGUN has not been reported as presently engaged in political activity in Mexico, but prior to going there he was the head of a miners' union in Germany and was well known as a German Communist.

In addition to his association with OTTO KATZ, it is known that STERN is an acquaintance of LION FEUCHTWANGER who, like KATZ, is prominently identified with the Free Germany Movement, [REDACTED] b1

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STERN is also associated with LYDIA ALTSCHULER, apparently through DEXTER MASTERS, who was at one time a member of the Executive Council of the League of American Writers and a friend of both STERN and ALTSCHULER.

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BERTOLT EUGEN FRIEDRICH BRECHT, alias
Eugen Berthold Friedrich Brecht,
Bert Brecht, Berdat, Bart

BRECHT resides at 1063 - 26th Street, Santa Monica, California. He is principally employed as a script writer and technical adviser for Arnold Productions, Incorporated, a subsidiary of United Artists Motion Picture Productions at Los Angeles, California. He is an alien, born in Augsburg, Germany, February 10, 1898. He claims German citizenship, being an expatriate of that country. He came to the United States with his wife and two children via Finland, arriving at San Pedro, California, July 21, 1941. He made a declaration of intention to become an American citizen at Los Angeles, California, December 3, 1941. BRECHT married his present wife, HELEN WEIGEL, in Berlin, Germany, in 1928 and has two children aged 24 and 15 years, respectively. He is allegedly a cousin of FRITZ LANG, known German espionage agent at Lisbon, Portugal, in 1940 and 1941.

BRECHT has been a radical poet and writer for many years. He has written many books, poems and plays advocating Communism and the use of sabotage by labor to attain the overthrow of capitalism. However, he denies being a Communist. He is an associate of LION FEUCHTWANGER, HEINRICH MANN, and HANS EISLER, all Communistic German writers active in the Free Germany Movement. He has written for "Freies Deutschland," the organ of this movement. (S)(u)

In 1939, prior to his arrival in the United States, he was furnished funds by FRITZ LANG of Hollywood, California, who is not identical with the LANG alleged to be BRECHT's cousin. These funds were furnished with the knowledge of OTTO KATZ, alleged OGPU agent presently active in Mexico in the Free Germany Movement. He reportedly is one of three Communists who are members of the organizational committee of the Council for a Democratic Germany.

BRECHT and HANS EISLER have signified their intention and desire to go to Czechoslovakia as soon as travel is possible. It is believed that the purpose of their proposed trip is to enable them to carry out organization of the Free Germany Movement there.

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LION FEUCHTWANGER, alias
Leon Feuchtwanger

FEUCHTWANGER resides with his wife MARTHA at 529 Paseo Miramar, Pacific Palisades, California. In addition to being associated with the motion picture industry in Los Angeles, FEUCHTWANGER is a writer of international repute. He is a German alien, born in Munich, Germany, on July 7, 1884, and arrived in the United States on October 5, 1940.

FEUCHTWANGER is not known as a Communist, but he has been prominently identified with the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Free Germany Movement. [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (C)

FEUCHTWANGER is closely associated with BERTOLT BRECHT, HANS EISLER, and HEINRICH MANN, all of whom are German refugee leftist writers [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] and are members of a refugee group in Los Angeles active in the Free Germany Movement. FEUCHTWANGER's association with this movement appears to be literary in nature, and he has had considerable material published by El Libro Libre, the official publishing house of this organization in Mexico. He has corresponded with OTTO KATZ and PAUL MERKER, who are leaders in the Free Germany Movement in Mexico. (C) (u)

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[REDACTED] (C)

FEUCHTWANGER's book entitled "Moscow" is said to indicate definite Communist sympathies on his part. During 1939 and 1940, FEUCHTWANGER was confined to a concentration camp in France, reportedly for Communist activities. He subsequently escaped to Lisbon and later proceeded to the United States. [REDACTED] b1
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FEUCHTWANGER is an associate of VLADIMIR POSNER and is mentioned in an article authored by the latter entitled "The Enemy in France" as one who had fought HITLER since 1933. [REDACTED] (c) b1

FEUCHTWANGER is an associate of LOUISE BRANSTEN and of Dr. KURT ROSENFELD, who is an active leader of the Free Germany Movement in New York. FEUCHTWANGER agreed to contribute to a newspaper in which ROSENFELD is interested and which is published in connection with the Movement. (s)(u)

JOHANNES EISLER, alias
Hanns Eisler, Hans Eisler

JOHANNES EISLER, brother of GERMART EISLER, resides at 1650 North Amalfi Drive, Pacific Palisades, California. He is employed by the R.K.O. film company of Hollywood, California. EISLER was born July 6, 1898, at Leipzig, Germany, is an Austro-German alien, whose latest entry into the United States was on October 22, 1940. His wife, LOUISE EISLER, resides with him at Pacific Palisades.

JOHANNES EISLER's membership as a Communist has not been established, but he has been in frequent contact with known Communists.

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LOUISE EISLER, alias
Lotte Eisler, Mrs. Hanns Eisler (c)

Mrs. EISLER resides with her husband, JOHANNES EISLER, at 160 North Amalfi Drive, Pacific Palisades, California. She is a German alien of Jewish descent, born March 6, 1906, in Vienna, Austria. She visited Leningrad and Moscow with her husband in 1936, and first came into the United States at New York on January 21, 1939. She reentered the United States at Laredo, Texas, September 11, 1940. Prior thereto a warrant had been issued for her arrest because of her illegal entry on July 17, 1940. This warrant was

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cancelled on November 9, 1940, according to Immigration records at Ellis Island. Mrs. EISLER associates closely with Communist refugees and is a strong Communist sympathizer.

She became of interest on October 13, 1943, when she and her husband were invited to the home of [REDACTED] b7c
Los Angeles, to a gathering which was to be addressed by JOSEPH NORTH, associate editor of NEW MASSES. (S)(u)

On October 16, 1943, Mrs. EISLER was overheard to say that her husband had made certain inquiries about a technical expert who had served thirty years with the Shell and Standard Oil Companies and who now has his own ship; that after discussing the matter with a friend, EISLER learned that the technical expert was "a great man but utterly unreliable." Mrs. EISLER was not much concerned and made the statement, "Things have all been set up now anyway." (S)(u)

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HEINRICH LUDWIG MANN

MANN, a citizen of Czechoslovakia, resides and works as an author at 301 South Swall Drive, Beverly Hills, California. He was born March 27, 1871, at Lubeck, Germany, entered the United States as a visitor at New York City on October 13, 1940, and reentered for permanent residence May 29, 1941,

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at San Ysidro, California. His wife, NELLY KROEGER MANN, was born in Thrensbock, Germany, on February 15, 1898, and arrived in the United States with her husband. They have a daughter, [REDACTED], residing in Czechoslovakia. b7c

MANN politically supported the Communist and Popular Front causes in Germany and in France. Of the writers exiled from Germany, he was a leader in the extreme leftist group. He contributed to "International Literature" issued in Moscow, to "Freies Deutschland," and to "The Black Book of Nazi Terror in Europe," published in Mexico City in 1943.

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It is indicated that HEINRICH MANN contacted BORIS MORROS, an espionage suspect, on December 1, 1943. [REDACTED] b1

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[REDACTED] is a literary agent at [REDACTED], and filed his City. He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and filed his declaration to become an American citizen on May 26, 1942. He married [REDACTED] on June 25, 1938, at New York City. She was born in [REDACTED], and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on August 12, 1943. [REDACTED] Communist Party affiliations are unknown. On January 13, 1944, he and his wife attended a dinner at the home of HEINRICH MANN, [REDACTED] left the MANN residence he had with It was observed that when [REDACTED] and his wife him two typewritten manuscripts. On January 17, 1944, [REDACTED] and his wife again visited the MANN home. J(4)(u) b7c b1(c) b7c

BERTHOLD VIETTEL

VIETTEL resides at 165 Mabery Road, Santa Monica, California, and conducts his business from this address. He is believed to be a German citizen. He is married to SALKA VIETTEL and has one son, [REDACTED], who is an active follower of TROTSKY. VIETTEL is a writer and a member of the German refugee leftist group with which HEINRICH MANN and BERTHOLD BRECHT are also associated. His Communist affiliations are unknown. [REDACTED] b7c b1(c)

LEO MITTLER

MITTLER resides at 848 North Sweetzer Street, Los Angeles, California, and is engaged as a free-lance writer for the motion picture industry. He is an alien, born November 18, 1893, at Vienna, Austria, and entered the United States at New York City on April 6, 1939. He remains a citizen of Austria, but filed a declaration of intention to become an American citizen on April 18, 1939, at New York City. He was formerly married to LORE MUELLER-MITTLER, whom he divorced. His present wife is MARGUERITE ROMA BLEICH MITTLER.

Investigation has not developed evidence that MITTLER is a Communist, but both he and his wife have been reported to possess strong Communistic sentiments and to be active in Russian War Relief. Also, MITTLER has been closely associated with leaders of the Free Germany Movement.

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FRITZ KORTNER

KORTNER resides at 150 South Burlingame, Brentwood Heights, California, and is employed at Universal Studios as a director. His citizenship is unknown, but he is planning to return to Europe after the war. He is married and was a former prominent actor at the Berlin State Theater. He is presently engaged in acting, writing, and directing motion pictures.

He is described as a liberal but probably not an adherent of Communism. He has, however, been identified with the Free Germany Movement in the Los Angeles area, along with such other figures as BERTHOLD BRECHT, LION FEUCHTWANGER, HEINRICH and THOMAS MANN. [KORTNER was named as one of a group which met at the home of BERTHOLD VIERTEL for the purpose of drawing up a statement endorsing the Moscow Manifesto. KORTNER was enthusiastic over the formation of a Free Germany Committee in Moscow and the Manifesto which it published. He allegedly stated on that occasion that ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL would not march through the Brandenburger Gate in Berlin at the conclusion of the war, because STALIN would get there first.] KORTNER is acquainted with OTTO KATZ and ERWIN KISCH, both prominent in Mexican activities of the Free Germany Movement and both thought to be Russian agents. KORTNER is also an associate of HANNS EISLER and has been a visitor at the home of BERT BRECHT. (4)(u)

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CONNECTION OF EWERTS WITH THE FREE GERMANY MOVEMENT

ARTHUR EWERT, now in a Brazilian prison, is a brother of ANDREAS EWERT, now residing in Mexico. In that ANDREAS EWERT is active in connection with the Free Germany Movement, his and his wife's background is set forth below so that a better understanding may be had of the activities of the EWERTS generally. ARTHUR EWERT has been identified herein as a former associate of STEVE NELSON while he and NELSON were engaged in Comintern Apparatus activities in China during 1933. ANDREAS EWERT is a known associate of HELEN MONFRIED FISCHER, named elsewhere herein as a suspect [REDACTED] b1

ARTHUR EWERT, alias
Arthur Ewart, Harry Berger,
Karl Keller, Karl Koerner

ARTHUR EWERT, who is presently incarcerated in a Brazilian prison, was born November 13, 1890, at Heinrichswalde, East Prussia, Germany. After receiving his education in Germany, he migrated to Canada in 1914 where he remained until he was deported back to Germany at the conclusion of the Versailles Treaty. Thereafter he joined a revolutionary movement against the military and imperialistic groups operating in Germany, becoming a member of the Communist Party. An unverified report has been received that he served as a member of the German Reichstag. During the late 1920's and the early 1930's, he traveled throughout Europe, China, and South America. Sometime between his return to Germany and his incarceration in Brazil, he is reported to have served as Secretary of the German Communist Party, a national deputy for the German Communist Party, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, and was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Comintern at the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International. It is believed that he is identical with one BRAUN who represented the Comintern at the fifth convention of the Workers (Communist) Party in the United States in 1927.

In 1935, ARTHUR EWERT and his wife, ELISE EWERT, also known as MACHLA LEVIEZYCKI and MACHLA LENCZYCKI, were in Brazil. It was alleged by Brazilian authorities that EWERT was instrumental in starting a Communist revolution in November and December, 1935, as a result of which he was sentenced to serve fourteen years in prison. His wife was deported to Germany in 1936, and it is reported that she died in a German concentration camp in 1939.

ARTHUR EWERT first came to attention in this investigation as a result of his relationship with ANDREAS EWERT and information received that

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he worked with STEVE NELSON at Shanghai, China, in 1933. Investigation has disclosed that ARTHUR EWERT was described by NELSON as a member of the Communist International. The exact nature of his activities in China is unknown, but it is reported that he carried on espionage for the Communists.

A letter dated May 11, 1944, was received by MINNA AUGUSTA EWERT, ARTHUR EWERT's sister, from [REDACTED] stating that ARTHUR EWERT was very ill. As a result of this information, MINNA made additional efforts to secure his release which to date have been unsuccessful. b7c

ANDREAS EWERT, alias
Andreas Ewart

ANDREAS EWERT resides at Alumnos 48-3, Tacubaya, Mexico, D. F. MINNA AUGUSTA EWERT and ARTHUR EWERT are his sister and brother, respectively. ANDREAS EWERT and his wife, OLGA, left Germany in 1936. He and his wife have been active in the Free Germany Movement which centers its efforts at Mexico City.

ANDREAS EWERT first came to attention in this investigation as a result of information received that during the fall of 1943 [REDACTED] received mail addressed to her in care of him and his wife, OLGA, at Alumnos 48-3, Tacubaya, Mexico, D. F. The details of his relationship with [REDACTED] are unknown, and no activity of significance has been disclosed other than his association with the Free Germany Movement. It is known that ANDREAS EWERT advised [REDACTED] that he had corresponded with the Brazilian Ambassador in Mexico and with a sister of LUIS PRESTES, Brazilian Communist who was imprisoned with ARTHUR EWERT, but was unable to contact ARTHUR. EWERT made unsuccessful attempts to secure the release of ARTHUR in order that he might come to Mexico. (S)(u) b7c

MINNA AUGUSTA EWERT, alias
Minna Augusta Ewart

MINNA EWERT, who resides at the St. Francis Hospital, Bronx, New York, where she is employed as a nurse, was born March 8, 1883, at Heinrichswalde, East Prussia, Germany. She is a German citizen and received her education in that country where she also served as superintendent of nurses in a Berlin hospital. She immigrated to the United States December 12, 1938, and filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States May 5, 1939, in the Southern Judicial District of New York. After arrival in this country, she secured employment as a nurse at Northampton, Massachusetts; California; and at the St. Francis Hospital, Bronx, New York.

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EWERT first came to attention in this investigation because of her family relationship with ARTHUR EWERT, a brother presently incarcerated in Brazil for Communist activity, and OLGA and ANDREAS EWERT, a sister-in-law and brother residing in Mexico City, Mexico. She is of further interest as a result of information received that the name and address of LOUISE BRANSTEN appeared among her personal effects. (S)(u)

MINNA EWERT is interested to an unknown extent in the activities of the Free Germany Movement. She has made numerous efforts to secure the release of her brother, ARTHUR, from prison in Brazil, in which she has corresponded with several government officials, the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, and DOROTHY THOMPSON. At an unknown date, she secured \$200 from the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee for a trip to New York in connection with securing her brother's release. In May, 1944, she secured authority from the United States Attorney for a trip to Washington, D. C., in order to transact business regarding her brother who was reported at that time to have been in ill health in Brazil.

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HELEN SELDES, alias
Helen Louise Wiesman,
Helen Wiesman Newgass

SELDES resides on Grist Mill Road, Norwalk, Connecticut. She is an American citizen born December 22, 1905, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is the wife of GEORGE SELDES, whom she married in 1934. [She is an associate and contact of LOUISE BRANSTEN and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM E. BROWDER.] (S)(u)

In May, 1944, she traveled from New York City to Mexico City and had in her possession at the time she crossed the Mexican border, a passport issued in her maiden name, HELEN LOUISE WIESMAN, bearing a notation to the effect that she had been married on June 17, 1929, and that her name at that date was HELEN WIESMAN NEWGASS. While in Mexico, SELDES stayed with GENE WHITAKER and Mrs. CHARLES H. WHITAKER, alias EUGENIA FOSTER WHITAKER. LEOPOLDO MENDEZ, a close friend of the WHITAKERS, is known to be associated with the Free Germany Movement in Mexico. The residence address of WHITAKER is also used as an address by MARGUERITA MELKIN [a Communist writer in Mexico, who has been identified as a mail drop in the Alto case.] (S)(u)

The following persons, reportedly Communists, were contacted by SELDES while in Mexico City: MARGARET SHEDD KISICH, wife of Dr. OLIVER M. KISICH, with the Foreign Economic Administration, assigned to the U. S. Embassy at Mexico City; Dr. IGNACIO HILLAN; and RICARDIO COSTELLOTO, concerning whom no information is available other than that he is a Communist.

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JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE

This organization, most commonly referred to as the JAFRC, is the result of an amalgamation of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, the American Committee to Save Refugees, and the Exiled Writers' Committee, which took place in Los Angeles, California, on February 24, 1942; and in New York City on March 11, 1942. The United American Spanish Aid Committee was formed in 1936, shortly after the Spanish Civil War started, as an agency to provide food and clothing for the Loyalists in Spain. After the defeat of the Spanish Republican Armies in Spain, it concentrated its efforts on rescuing Spanish Loyalists from the Franco Government. The American Committee to Save Refugees, another parent organization of the JAFRC, was formed to assist anti-Fascist refugees from the German and Italian Fascist Governments.

The national headquarters of the JAFRC is located at 192 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Its national officers are:

Professor WALTER RAUTENSTRAUCH, Honorary Chairman
Dr. EDWARD K. BERSKY, National Chairman
Professor LYNN R. BRADLEY, Treasurer
HELEN R. BRYAN, Executive Secretary
FELIX KUSHLIN, National Organizer
MARJORIE CHODOROV, Chairman

All of these officers are active Communists. In addition, there is a group of national sponsors of the organization comprised of prominent citizens, some of whom are Communists or Soviet sympathizers.

Branches of the JAFRC exist in Boston; Philadelphia; Cleveland; Chicago; Los Angeles; Hollywood; San Francisco; Oakland and Seattle. In each of these cities the JAFRC receives the cooperation and guidance of the local Communist Party and more recently of the Communist Political Association.

The purposes of the JAFRC are to rescue and provide relief to anti-Fascist fighters trapped by the Axis so that they can be released to fight again on the side of the United Nations. To carry out this program, it provides material aid to political prisoners in that category in Europe and transportation and rehabilitation in the Hispano-American Republics to those who have escaped from confinement in Europe and North Africa. In actual practice the JAFRC confines its rescues and assistance to

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Communists; its most successful exploit having been its claim to rescuing Marshal TITO of Yugoslavia after he had served in the Spanish Civil War.

The JAFRC is affiliated with and is apparently a subsidiary of the larger organization dedicated to the overthrow of the Franco regime in Spain and the re-establishment of a pro-Soviet republic in that country known as the Federacion de Organismos de Ayuda a los Republicanos Espanoles (FOARE) of Mexico City. This organization, along with the JAFRC, maintains European and North African agencies in the work of contacting and rescuing refugees.

The JAFRC is in close contact with the Communist colony in Mexico, many of whose members have been rescued and brought to Mexico through the efforts of this organization. American representatives of the JAFRC frequently travel to Mexico and have been reliably indicated in some cases to have acted as Communist couriers in this way. The JAFRC participates in political pressure tactics used in the United States designed to bring pressure on the United States Government to sever diplomatic relations with Spain. It has petitioned the President of the United States through its members and sympathizers to use his position to force Franco to withdraw his support from Germany. It has been critical of many policies of the U. S. State Department in its dealings with Spain. In 1943 it demanded that the U. S. State Department secure the release of all Spanish Republicans and members of the International Brigade who had fought in Spain. At its convention in New York in September, 1943, it started the circulation of a petition addressed to the President of the United States demanding the release of all political prisoners held by Franco, and requested arrangements by the United States Government to ship food from the United States to the Spanish population.

The JAFRC, through its parent the FOARE of Mexico City, supports the Junta Suprema de Union Nacional Espanola, which coordinates all underground Communist activities in Spain. The Junta has headquarters in Mexico City in the same office with that of the FOARE and is undoubtedly active in creating an exiled Spanish Government and the armed resistance by Spanish Republicans in Spain to Franco's Government.

A connection has been observed between the JAFRC and the Communist inspired Free Germany movement in Mexico in that the publication of the latter organization, "Freies Deutschland", is subsidized in part by funds sent by the JAFRC in the United States.

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From its inception in 1942 through April, 1944, the JAFRC has collected \$295,297.04 in the United States. Much of this money has come from labor unions and its other principal donors have been wealthy individual American citizens and business firms, the National Workers Order, and the Communist Party, USA, as such, which donated \$3,000 in 1943. The financial assistance of the Party has, of course, been much greater than this in actuality, as most of the funds collected have come indirectly through Communist sponsorship and instigation. Although almost \$300,000 has been collected up to April, 1944, of this amount only \$9,700 has been spent in Spain, \$7,200 in France, \$31,000 in North Africa, the balance being spent in Mexico, Portugal, Santo Domingo, Brazil, Switzerland, and Cuba. Recipients in Mexico and Portugal were the principal beneficiaries of its funds, \$142,000 and \$191,000 having been donated to groups in these countries respectively.

FELIX KUSMAN, alias

Felix Johan Kusman, Johannes Kussmann,
Johan Felix

In the New York City area the principal individual of interest in JAFRC activity in the Comrap case is FELIX KUSMAN of 344 Cabrini Boulevard, Washington Heights, New York City. He was born in Tallian, Estonia, March 25, 1909, arrived in the United States in April, 1929, and is not a citizen of the United States. He married YETTA KAUFMAN KUSMAN on January 3, 1939. He is the national organizer of the JAFRC and is employed as a "social worker" by the JAFRC in New York City, his business address being 425 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

KUSMAN has been seen to frequent Communist Party headquarters in New York City as well as other Party headquarters throughout the United States, and it is therefore quite probable that he is a member of the Communist Party. His background includes service as a Captain in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War and later employment by the American Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the United Spanish Aid Committee.

The following are activities of KUSMAN connected with the JAFRC which have been carried out with reference to persons of major interest in the Comrap case:

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On August 8, 1943, KUSMAN arrived in San Francisco, California, and was met by MARION B. OWENS, the local Executive Secretary of the JAFRC. Miss OWENS notified STEVE NELSON of KUSMAN's arrival, but surveillances of NELSON indicated that he had no meeting with KUSMAN during the latter's sojourn in San Francisco. [REDACTED] b1

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KUSMAN [REDACTED] b1 [G]
[REDACTED] and was also seen in the company of [REDACTED] b7c
a former nurse in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and
close friend of STEVE NELSON.

En route to California, KUSMAN stopped at Chicago and called at the office of the Eighth District Communist Party. After departing from San Francisco he went to Los Angeles where he met with CARL WINTER, the head of the Communist Party in that city.

KUSMAN's trip to the West Coast in 1943 was made for the ostensible purpose of soliciting donations for the JAFRC. His contacts with Party leaders and other prominent figures in the Comintern Apparatus, plus his background, however, indicate that he may act as a courier with

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respect to many of the Comintern operations which are carried out through this front organization. KUSMAN left his native country of Estonia in 1924 and worked for a year in Brazil. From 1925 until 1937 he was a merchant seaman aboard vessels operating out of Brazilian and Argentinean ports. In 1937 he spent some time in France as a transient, after which he fought for two years as a Captain of Infantry and Cavalry in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He was trained for this military service at the Military Officers' School at Albelete, Spain, for six months. He arrived in the United States on June 27, 1939, and has been stateless until the present time.

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HELEN FRED KUSMAN

Another principal in the JAFRC in the New York area of importance in this case is HELEN FRED KUSMAN, the Executive Secretary of the national office of the JAFRC. She resides at 58 Park Street, New York City. Although her exact status within the structure of the Communist Party or CPA is unknown, her life is dedicated to the principles of Communism. Her circle of acquaintances includes such prominent national Party functionaries as EARL BROWDER and ROY WOODSON, and in her travels about the country on behalf of the JAFRC she has been observed invariably to contact prominent Communists and Party functionaries of the various

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cities which she visits. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] On May 23, 1943, GERHART EISLER, [C] mentioned elsewhere in this report, upon applying for a position in New York City gave HELEN BRYAN as a character reference. She devoted most of her time in Mexico City while there in June, 1943, to making arrangements for a convention of the FOARE, and upon her return to New York she conferred with EARL BROWDER to discuss the results of her trip. It is known that she has corresponded with LOUIS P. MAYA, the Secretary of the FOARE in Mexico City, and on April 12, 1943, she wrote to MAYA that the JAFRC had just transmitted \$6,000 to the FOARE.

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During the first part of July, 1944, HELEN BRYAN was in Los Angeles, California, on business of the JAFRC, at which time she had in her possession a letter addressed to CARL WINTER, head of the local CIO, from FELIX KUCHELMAN, asking that WINTER afford BRYAN every cooperation during her stay in Los Angeles.

BRYAN then went to San Francisco, California, from Los Angeles where she remained from July 21 to 24, 1944, conferring in San Francisco with many prominent Communists on JAFRC business, including OSCAR BROWDER, RUFUS ROBERTSON, DAVID J. DICK, ESTHER GALT, LOUISE BRANSTEN, and ANITA WINTER. On July 23, 1944, LOUISE BRANSTEN gave a party for HELEN BRYAN at San Francisco, and ANITA WINTER did likewise on July 25, 1944, both parties being attended by many prominent Communists.

While in San Francisco HELEN BRYAN likewise had in her possession a letter addressed to WINTER from FELIX KUCHELMAN requesting fullest cooperation.

She journeyed from San Francisco to Seattle, Washington, where she remained from July 27 to July 30, where she likewise was observed to

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contact many Communist leaders and where she also utilized a letter of introduction from KUSMAN to HENRY HUFF, CPA leader, likewise requesting the fullest cooperation with her.

On August 17, 1944, HELEN BRYAN is believed to have contacted ERIC JUNGHANN, Secretary of the Free Germany organization in Mexico City, advising him of the arrival in that city of [REDACTED] b7c on August 18 or 19.

On September 30, 1944, MAX YERGAN sent a telegram to HELEN BRYAN from Chicago informing her that he would arrive in New York on October 1, 1944; after his arrival he and she held a conference with his attorney regarding YERGAN's divorce proceedings against his wife, SUSIE YERGAN, who had allegedly secured some valuable papers from YERGAN's strong box and was threatening to expose him and other Communists, including HELEN BRYAN. Informants indicated that HELEN BRYAN and other Communists in New York were extremely perturbed over the possibility of SUSIE YERGAN's threat to publicize confidential documents that had been in her husband's strong box, and on October 28, 1944, it was indicated that even EARL BROWDER had stepped into the picture to attempt to stop this expose. [REDACTED]

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MARION BYRNS OWENS, alias
Marion Louise Byrns, Marion Byrns Owen,
Marion Louise Owens, Mrs. Edgar Preston Owens,
Mrs. Pete Owens

JAFRC activities in the San Francisco area are carried out through MARION OWENS, the West Coast representative of the JAFRC, with headquarters at San Francisco, California. She resides with her husband at 2011 Vallejo Street, San Francisco. She was born at Moscow, Idaho, on August 24, 1899. Both she and her husband are active members of the local Communist Party and later CPA. While she is in close contact with leading Communist Party functionaries in San Francisco, her main work is in connection with JAFRC.

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FREDERICK THOMPSON, alias
Frederick W. Thompson, Frederick B. Thompson,
Fred Thompson

THOMPSON has taken a very prominent part in many JAFRC activities in San Francisco. He was born in San Francisco on March 23, 1883. He is a man of independent wealth, is well known in social circles, and fancies himself as somewhat of a bon vivant. He maintains residences at the Bohemian Club, San Francisco, and at 107 Helen's Lane, Mill Valley, California, and has a small place at Stinson Beach, California. He is separated from his wife MELL and has a son [REDACTED], who was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and is currently an active member of the Communist Party. His daughter [REDACTED] is married to [REDACTED] and both of them are also active members of the Communist Party. THOMPSON has two brothers, [REDACTED], who are operators of the Pacific Electric Manufacturing Company of San Francisco and are well known in San Francisco industrial life, and two sisters [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the well known writer. THOMPSON was active in the operation of the Pacific Electric Manufacturing Company until retirement several years ago. His interest in the Communist movement has been variously attributed to a trip his brother JOSEPH made to Russia in 1928 and to a trip he himself made to France in 1939 in an attempt to secure the release of his son [REDACTED] who had been wounded while fighting in Spain. b7c

THOMPSON is believed to be an active Communist, but there is no evidence of his official membership in either the Communist Party or the CPA. He is closely associated, however, with many key Communists in San Francisco, and he takes a very active part in Communist front group activities, to which he makes many loans and donations. He probably is in the category of a Party member at large. THOMPSON is a very close associate and intimate friend of LOUISE BRANSTEN, through whom, as previously noted, FELIX KUSHAN solicited his services for a confidential post with the JAFRC in Portugal in 1942.

THOMPSON has made trips to Mexico in 1941, 1942, and 1943, and is known to have many contacts there. While in Mexico in 1942, he lived at the Calle de Amazonas Number 36, and in 1943 he lived at the Maria Cristina Hotel. On November 29, 1943, he was observed to attend the funeral of ALFRED MILLER in Mexico City, who had served as a

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correspondent there for the New York Daily Worker. On this occasion THOMPSON delivered an eulogy of MILLER, after having been introduced as the representative of the JAFRC. A prominent contact of THOMPSON in Mexico City has been [REDACTED] a business man who apparently has Communistic leanings as evidenced by his participation in "Aid to Russia" and other similar campaigns. Over the past two years THOMPSON has received many communications from Mexico asking him for funds and assistance in helping JAFRC activities on behalf of refugees in that country. b7c

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]
He was born at [REDACTED] He is employed as a junior engineer at the [REDACTED] where he also acts as a member of the Labor Management Committee. He has formerly acted as business agent and organizer for Local 20744 of the Office Workers Union but is not affiliated with it at present. He is an active member of the Communist Party in Berkeley, California, and has been active in the affairs of the JAFRC. On May 5, 1944, he returned to Oakland, California, from a trip to Mexico City, where he allegedly acted as a representative of the Office Workers Union in a conference between the AF of L and Mexican labor unions. After returning

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from Mexico [REDACTED] made a report to the local JAFRC based upon results of his conversations with leaders of the FOARE. By letter dated June 14, 1944, he furnished an outline of this report to LUIS LAYA, Director of FOARE at Mexico City, and requested that he be furnished with additional propaganda material. b7c

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[REDACTED] Although not a particularly well thought of Communist Party member, LEWIS has many contacts with prominent Communists and persons of interest in this case including: STEVE NELSON, EDENADETTE DOYLE, Dr. RALPH GUNDELACH of the University of California, and ROSE ISAAK of the San Francisco American-Russian Institute. (S)(u)

HELEN MONFRIED FISCHER, alias
Mrs. Maurice Fischer, Mrs. Maurice Clark

Of principal interest in JAFRC activities in the Los Angeles, California area is HELEN MONFRIED FISCHER, who resides at 1761 Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and who is employed as Executive Secretary of the JAFRC, 206 South Spring Street, Los Angeles. She was born on February 14, 1911, at New York City. She is the sister of Lieutenant STEPHEN FISCHER, U. S. Army Air Forces, who has been a long time member of the Communist Party [and a close associate of LOUISE BRAUNSTEIN]. (S)(u)

HELEN FISCHER has been for many years a paid functionary of the Communist Party and Communist front organizations. She is in constant contact with known Communist Party members throughout the country, as well as with members of the Confederation of Latin America Workers. She, herself, is a regular member of the Communist Political Association in Los Angeles.

She attended a convention of the JAFRC in Mexico City in August, 1943. While there she was a houseguest of ANDREAS and OLGA EWART at Mexico City. ANDREAS EWART is a brother of ARTHUR EWART who was arrested in Brazil in 1935 for being instrumental in starting a Communist revolution there. Both of them are known Communists of long standing. OLGA EWART is active in the Free Germany movement in Mexico

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City. It is believed that the EWARTS are connected in international Communistic affairs, and HELEN FISCHER is also connected with them because of her close association with them and other leading Communists in this area.

FELIX KUSMAN had a meeting with HELEN FISCHER immediately prior to the time she left to attend the JAFRC convention in Mexico City.

ACCION DEMOCRATA ESPANOLA

This organization was formed in San Francisco in 1936 and claims to be registered with the United States State Department. Its stated aims and purposes are to uphold the democratic principles upon which the United States is founded. Up to the summer of 1939 it devoted its funds to aiding with food, clothing, and medicine the victims of "Fascist aggression" in Spain. During this period it claims to have submitted monthly reports of income and expenses to the State Department in conformity with the U. S. neutrality laws. Since the outbreak of the war, it admits devoting its funds to the Spanish Republican refugees arriving in the Hispanic-American republics. Monthly reports to the State Department ceased in 1940.

[Between March and June, 1943, this organization sent donations totalling \$550.00 to the F.C.A.R.E. in Mexico.] There are significant indications received from Confidential Informants, although no direct proof, that this organization is involved in transferring funds to Spanish refugee groups in Latin American countries, as well as in South Africa, France, and French Africa, and in providing assistance for their travel to the western hemisphere. (S)(u)

On May 10, 1943, it corresponded with Alemania Libre (Free Germany), Mexico D. F., an anti-Fascist organization, believed Communist controlled. This letter mentioned that "someone" (possibly a seaman courier) left a note at 831 Broadway, instructing that the Alemania Libre wanted the address of Accion Democraata Espanola and that contact should be made with them by mail. Accion Democraata Espanola stated that it was pleased to furnish this information to their "German Anti-Fascist comrades" (S)(u)

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On February 14, 1944, Accion Democrata Espanola corresponded with Sr. JOSE ARGUELLES, Monte de Piedad 15, Mexico D.F. regarding sending aid to Spanish refugees in Mexico, stating in part, as follows: (S)(u)

"Thru the personal channel of comrades BILBAO and ERNANDORENA, we have obtained your address. They also spoke here before our organization of the necessity of helping a certain group of refugee comrades residing in your city ... (The communication goes on to say that \$100.00 was collected for this purpose and will be transmitted to Mexico.) You will pardon this bother (of writing to you) because you are a good friend of BILBAO and ERNANDORENA, you will also be our friend, and you would be glad to help us in any possible way." (S)(u)

On January 27, 1944, ANTONIO BILBAO also corresponded with ARGUELLES in Mexico City, stating in part: "I must tell you that we got in touch with a democratic institution in San Francisco, which wanted to correspond with you in order to help to support these homes (for refugee children). Within a few days we shall again be with them (in San Francisco), but I should like to know from you in Santa Rosalia, where I expect to be toward February 10, whether they really corresponded with you about this matter.... Anyway I shall write you that they tell me in San Francisco". The connection between these two pieces of correspondence is quite evident. (S)(u)

ANTONIO BILBAO, above mentioned, at the time of the above correspondence was a seaman or officer aboard the SS "Santa Agueda". This vessel is known to have berthed at San Francisco on January 30, 1944 en route to Santa Rosalia, and to have departed several days later. Allegations have been received from confidential informants that seamen employed on vessels of the Polce Company are acting as contact agents and couriers between the Communist Party in Mexico and sympathetic groups in the United States, with particular reference to the activities of the F.O.A.R.E. One of the alleged couriers was named ERNANDORENA, who may be identical with ERNANDORENA, linked with BILBAO in the above communications. (S)(u)

It is believed that the above represents a definite indication that Accion Democrata Espanola is being utilized as part of the apparatus in the western hemisphere to assist in the overthrow of the Franco regime in Spain and to encourage and abet efforts of Communistic and pre-Soviet revolutionary elements in setting up a Sovietized government in that country.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE GROUPS

The extent of the efforts of the Communist Party through Comintern direction to infiltrate Japanese language groups on the West Coast of the United States and to direct political propaganda and pressure tactics through them prior to December 7, 1941, is evident from the known fact that STEVE NELSON was in charge of such activities. [REDACTED]

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There follows brief descriptive data and a summarization of Communist background and activities of the leading Japanese Communists who have been involved as suspects in the Comintern Apparatus, as well as of the organizations which have been utilized for Communist political activities among Japanese-Americans.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

The Japanese-American Committee for Democracy is the successor organization to a group known as the Committee for Democratic Treatment for Japanese Residents of the Eastern States. It maintains an office in Room 339, 1133 Broadway, New York City, and it appears that the principal officers were KENNETH M. NAKANO, NATALIE NAKAMURA, and YOSHITAKA TAKAGI. This organization is of interest to this investigation inasmuch as various Japanese nationals who are of interest to the Comintern Apparatus are connected with the JACD.

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It is further indicated that the JACD has a great interest in seamen's problems and is familiar with them. In this connection, [REDACTED] has corresponded with [REDACTED] a merchant seaman suspect in this investigation, as well as with other seamen.

Confidential sources have stated that the JACD is under Communist control or influence. It appears that the organization is being used as a propaganda agency since it is known that they publish the "News Letter," to which LOUISE BRANTEN, Mr. and Mrs. SHUJI FUJII, [REDACTED], and others subscribe. It also appears probable that the JACD may be operating as a courier system in view of their interest in Japanese seamen. [REDACTED] also exhibits an interest in the Japanese Committee of New York. b7c

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[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] He is an American citizen, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], of Japanese parents. [REDACTED] worked for [REDACTED] for about two and a half years as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], "Japanese-American newspaper published at Los Angeles. He was arrested along with SHUJI FUJII and [REDACTED] on June 24, 1942, at the Santa Anita Assembly Center, charged with circulating a petition for a Japanese language newspaper at the assembly center and for holding a meeting entirely in the Japanese language, knowing these acts were prohibited by the Commanding Officer. The indictment was dismissed April 19, 1943. [REDACTED] has stated that he has Communist interests. b7c

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[REDACTED] He is also considered as possible author or editor of the publication, "The Evacuee Speaks - News Letter," this being based on his former connection with [REDACTED] b7c

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